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Traction in Congress

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REPORTER

Legislation in U.S. Congress that seeks to provide \$360 million for the Northern Marianas Medicaid program over the next six years is gaining traction, with a subcommittee recently approving the measure for a House of Representatives vote.

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PSS to get \$2.6M from FEMA

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded a \$2.56-million federal grant that will be used to rebuild public school buildings in the Commonwealth.

In a statement yesterday from the Office of the Governor, it said this award pro-

vides \$2,563,825.49 in federal funding to the Public School System to replace buildings destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu in October last year.

The total grant amount is \$2,848,694.99, with the FEMA share of \$2,563,825.49 at the 90% federal cost-share.

This grant is funded through

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'Grounding' of Rota generator resolved

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. resolved last weekend the "grounding issue" that caused the 1.8-megawatt generator on Rota to trip, according to CUC executive director Gary



Camacho

Camacho yesterday. "I think we are fine; the island is capable of producing power," said Camacho, adding that they are switching different power engines and rotating them.

He conceded, though, that the newly installed

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TREE-PLANTING CAMPAIGN

A participant of the 4-H Marianas Camp Maga'lahi tries her hand at using a post-holer before planting the sapling of a new tree last Friday at Micro Beach.

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Leave the US, Trump tells liberal congresswomen of color

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and
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WASHINGTON (AP)— Starkly injecting race into his

criticism of liberal Democrats, President Donald Trump said Sunday that four congresswomen of color should go back to the "broken and crime infested" countries they came

from, ignoring the fact that all of the women are American citizens and three were born in the U.S. His attack drew a searing condemnation from Democrats who labeled the

remarks racist and breathtakingly divisive.

Following a familiar script, Republicans remained largely silent after Trump's morning

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Local

FOA gives thanks for a great season in 2019

Another season has come to a close for The Friends of the Arts with the final performance last June 7 of the Broadway musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

This musical, directed by Katie Hoyt and Harold Easton, was danced and sung by a cast of 36, accompanied by a pit band headed by Atsuko Eck, with four performance at the Hyatt Saipan Regency ballroom.

An FOA statement said the musical was well-attended by the Saipan community.

"The Friends of the Arts wishes to thank the Saipan community and its sponsors for their attendance and support during this 2019 season," the statement said. "The continuing interest of the community in the FOA programs and the support provided by its sponsors have played a key role in The FOA's ability to support the performing arts [o]n Saipan."

The first program of the



Atsuko Eck conducts the Saipan Pacific Wind at The Friends of the Arts' *Holiday Concert* at the American Memorial Park amphitheater.

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2019 FOA season was an outdoor movie night, featuring *Jumanji*, suitable for children and adults. The movie was logically supported by the Saipan Office of the Mayor.

This was followed by The FOA's *Holiday Concert*, a benefit program of seasonal music presented by the Community Choir, directed by Katie Hoyt, the Saipan Pa-

cific Winds, directed by Atsuko Eck, the Mount Carmel School Band, directed by Julian Greening, and the Su-san Band, jointly directed. The American Memorial Park provided their amphitheater as

the venue.

The FOA's first theatrical performance of the year, the London and Broadway musical *Peter Pan or The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up*, co-directed by Hoyt and Neil Fama, featured a cast of 30.

"This play was also well-received and attended by the community at the outside venue of the Garapan Central Park, with the support of the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Saipan Office of the Mayor," the FOA statement added.

The FOA's final two programs were hosted at the Hyatt Saipan Regency ballroom, where classical pianist, Roman Rudnytsky, presented two concerts. As before, during his visit he also went out to the schools and provided music, instruction, and example.

The final show of the year



Photos show scenes from The Friends of the Arts' presentation of the Broadway musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Hyatt Saipan Regency ballroom

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was the popular Broadway musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, an entertaining biblical story.

The FOA board of directors and membership wish to express their sincere appreciation for the continued support and generosity of the community and its sponsors: Angel Design, Brabu Pharmacy, Bridge Capital, Dental Care, Drs. Edgar and Susan Tudor, Everest Kitchen, Fiesta Spa & Resort Saipan, Green Meadow School, Hardt Eye Clinic, Hertz Car Rental, HR Support CNMI, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT&E, J's Restaurant, KL Carr Enterprises, Kanoa Resort, Marianas Health Services, Marianas Variety, Paradise Dental Center, Paradise Hotel, PHI Pharmacy, Thompson Law Office, Tom Yum Restaurant, Tooth Works, Saipan TransAmerica, Triple J Saipan, and Yaong Corp. (PR)



The young players of The Friends of the Arts' *Holiday Concert* at the American Memorial Park amphitheater.

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Frank Gibson, left, of the Friends of the Arts presents Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa, right, with a "thank you" certificate.

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Sports fishing is a niche tourism market for The Marianas, and the Marianas Visitors Authority is pleased to join organizer Saipan Fishermen's Association (SFA) as a sponsor of the 35th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament on July 20-21, 2019. Organizers are anticipating about 20 boats from outside The Marianas to join the event, including at least 15 boats and crews from Guam.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st to 3rd place in each of five game fish categories are: Billfish, Yellowfin, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, and Skipjack. Prizes will also be awarded for total weight and a grand prize. SFA will award special prizes to the first participant

weigh in a marlin over the record 942 lbs. or a mahi mahi weighing over 102 lbs. The tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. each day. The SFA will host an awards ceremony on July 22 at 6 p.m. at The Magellan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Tournament entry forms, rules, and schedule of events are now available at the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) office on Beach Rd. in San Jose and at Fishing Tackle on Beach Rd., Susupe, Saipan. For more information about the event, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ray Villagomez at 1.670.664.3200 or email rvillagomez@mymarianas.com.

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'Utility industry is in a time of tremendous change'

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REPORTER

The utility industry is in a time of tremendous change, according to the American Public Power Association trainer Steve VanderMeer yesterday, and that includes getting the governing board more involved in decision-making on matters where staff can't make those decisions.

"They are not operational decisions anymore; they are strategic decisions," he said, during a two-day training

that started yesterday with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board and senior staff about governance issues.

VanderMeer just held a three-day training with CUC staff last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

VanderMeer is the senior vice president for planning and marketing of a company based in Fort Collins, Colorado, called Hometown Connections Inc., a national non-profit utility services organization.

VanderMeer is affiliated

with the American Public Power Association, a national trade association of which CUC is a member.

In an interview, VanderMeer underscored the importance of the CUC board being knowledgeable about what is happening in the industry, about the capabilities of its own utility, about the people they serve, and an understanding of their needs and expectations.

In fact, it is important for the board to have a "deliberative and intentional conversation"

about where CUC needs to be in the future, he said.

He pointed out that, during the two-day training with the CUC board and senior staff, they're doing some basic governance as a non-profit governing board and meeting some of the expectations and requirements.

"We spent some time talking about priorities and where CUC sees itself...in the years ahead in order to continue to serve CNMI," VanderMeer said.

He said they had a bit of strategic dialogue yesterday.

"We will be doing some more discussion later today and to-

morrow on more issue on governance and how the governing board can be most effective in support of the utility in representing the interests of its customers," VanderMeer said.

In last week's training, VanderMeer spent time with 20 of the CUC staff talking about customer service and how it applies in the utility industry and what that means and why it is important.

"We had a lot of great discussions. I was really impressed with what the CUC staff is doing today. It is really very impressive what the utilities is doing," he added.

CUC board treasurer Matthew Holley said the gover-

nance training is very helpful. "This is very good experience...for all of us, for understanding our roles as board members," Holley said.

He said they also learned more about other utilities around the nation and how they relate to CUC.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho, who invited VanderMeer to hold the two trainings, said that yesterday and today's training is board governance training.

Camacho said it is for the management, particularly himself and the deputy executive director, division managers from all three islands, board members, and the chief engineer.

"It is to update us on the latest utility information and how we are going to be able to proceed forward," he said.

CAO surpasses projected number of participants

By MARC A. VENUS
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REPORTER

The Carolinian Affairs Office has reportedly surpassed its expected number of participants for its current grant cycle.

According to CAO project manager Paul Ythemar yesterday, the grant that the CAO received last year—from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Native Americans—was only intended to have 200 Carolinian students (consisting of 125 students aged 10-17, and 75 students aged 18 and above) maintaining at least 10 traditional knowledge and

practices through participation in CAO activities.

Ythemar said the office was able to get more than the expected number last year, with the CAO attracting more than 400 Carolinian students to participate.

The CAO accomplished this by integrating many activities to its classes. That included lava lava-making, bead necklace making, coconut oil making, flower crown weaving, weaving, subsistence fishing, dry fish preparation, cooking, creating traditional medicine, survival skills, and others.

Super Typhoon Yutu in October last year delayed some of CAO's programs and op-

erations but Ythemar said they were able to continue operations with the project last March and have seen its number of participants stabilize. In his presentation to ANA Commissioner Jeannie Hovland and other federal grantors last July 1, Ythemar said, "They were aware of the situation and understood what we were going through."

CAO is currently working with the Division of Youth Services on the Summer Youth Empowerment Camp, and Ythemar says that participant numbers will increase. He said that CAO will also host farming and cooking classes around August and September.

The Saipan Mayor's Office animal program is currently seeking donations of animal food.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang informed *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the current austerity measures being implemented governmentwide are affecting the program's funds, hence the need for donations.

"We're currently in austerity and we need help," Apatang added.

The animals are currently being sheltered in a temporary facility in Lower Base.

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Front row, from left to right, Saipan Higher Education Financial assistance program board vice chair John Tenorio, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and newly reappointed SHEFA board member Raymond Muña pose for a photo with Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation members yesterday in the House chamber on Capital Hill.

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LEAVE

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broadside against the four women. But the president's nativist tweets caused Democrats to set aside their internal rifts to rise up in a united chorus against the president.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Trump wants to "make America white again." Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, after jousting for days with Pelosi, said Trump "can't conceive of an America that includes us."

Trump, who has a long history of making racist remarks, was almost certainly referring to Ocasio-Cortez and her House allies in what's become known as "the squad." The others are Reps. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan. Only Omar, from Somalia, is foreign-born.

Ocasio-Cortez swiftly denounced his remarks. "Mr. President, the country I 'come from,' & the country we all swear to, is the United States," she tweeted, adding that "You rely on a frightened America for your plunder." Omar also addressed herself directly to Trump in a tweet, writ-

ing: "You are stoking white nationalism (because) you are angry that people like us are serving in Congress and fighting against your hate-filled agenda."

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, summed up the Democratic response: "Racial arsonist strikes again. Shut Your Reckless Mouth."

With his tweet, Trump inserted himself further into a rift between Pelosi and Ocasio-Cortez, just two days after he offered an unsolicited defense of the Democratic speaker. Pelosi has been seeking to minimize Ocasio-Cortez's influence in the House Democratic caucus in recent days, prompting Ocasio-Cortez to accuse Pelosi of trying to marginalize women of color.

"She is not a racist," Trump said of Pelosi on Friday.

On Sunday, Trump's tone took a turn.

"So interesting to see 'Progressive' Democrat Congresswomen, who originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe, the worst, most corrupt and inept anywhere in the world (if they even have a functioning government at all), now loudly and

viciously telling the people of the United States, the greatest and most powerful Nation on earth, how our government is to be run," he tweeted.

"Why don't they go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came. Then come back and show us how it is done."

He added: "These places need your help badly, you can't leave fast enough. I'm sure that Nancy Pelosi would be very happy to quickly work out free travel arrangements!"

The attacks may have been meant to widen the divides within the Democrat caucus, which has been riven by internal debate over how far left to go in countering Trump and over whether to proceed with impeachment proceedings against the president. Instead, the president's tweets, which evoked the trope of telling black people to go back to Africa, brought Democrats together.

"Let's be clear about what this vile comment is: A racist and xenophobic attack on Democratic congresswomen," tweeted Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Democratic presidential candidate.

Another 2020 contender, former Texas Rep. Beto

O'Rourke, tweeted at the president: "This is racist. These congresswomen are every bit as American as you—and represent our values better than you ever will."

Few Republicans weighed in on the president's comments. Congressional leaders, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, did not respond to requests for comment, nor did Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the only Republican black senator.

Mark Morgan, the acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, in a previously scheduled appearance on "Face the Nation" on CBS, said only: "You're going to have to ask the president what he means by those specific tweets."

Shortly after the tweets, and a later presidential post defending the harsh scenes at a border detention facility where hundreds of migrant men are being held in sweltering, foul-smelling conditions, Trump left the White House to go golfing at his Virginia club.

Trump appeared unbowed Sunday night when he returned to Twitter to say it was "so sad" to see Democrats sticking up for the women. "If the Democrat Party wants to continue to condone such dis-

graceful behavior," he tweeted, "then we look even more forward to seeing you at the ballot box in 2020!"

It was far from the first time that Trump has been accused of holding racist views.

In his campaign kickoff in June 2015, Trump deemed many Mexican immigrants "rapists." In 2017, he said there good people on "both sides" of the clash in Charlottesville, Virginia, between white supremacists and anti-racist demonstrators that left one counter-protester dead.

Last year, during a private White House meeting on immigration, Trump wondered why the United States was admitting so many immigrants from "shithole countries" like African nations.

Repeatedly, Trump has painted arriving immigrants as an "infestation" and he has been slow in condemning acts of violence committed by white supremacists. And he launched his political career with false claims that President Barack Obama was not born in the United States.

TRACTION

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The U.S. House's Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee approved last Thursday Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) bill, H.R. 3631, after it was introduced last July 9.

The legislation, co-sponsored by nine bipartisan members of the U.S. House's Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, seeks to provide the territories with Medicaid funding and more relaxed local matching compared to previous years.

Currently, the CNMI's local match for Medicaid funding is 45% of the total funding assistance.

H.R. 3631 would give the CNMI two years of zero local match; its sixth-year local matching rate would only be 24%. Sablan noted in a previous statement that the CNMI Medicaid office is asking for \$59.43 million annually. Six years of that would amount to \$356.58 million.

U.S. Congress' Energy and Commerce Committee chair Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) wants to mark up the bill this week to put it on the U.S. House agenda for quick action, according to Sablan's statement.

H.R. 3631 directs the NMI to annually report on how the Medicaid money is being used

to increase access to health care, increase covered benefits, and expand provider networks in efforts to make program integrity improvements.

American Samoa, Guam, and the NMI will also be required to begin reporting within four years to the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, just as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and all the other states already do.

Finally, American Samoa, Guam, and the NMI will be required to show progress on establishing a Medicaid fraud control unit in their respective Attorney General's Office.

Sablan previously held a hearing on the "Medicaid cliff," where NMI Medicaid administrator Helen Sablan noted that the NMI was already in "freefall" after using up all of its Medicaid money right after Super Typhoon Yutu.

Commonwealth Health Care Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña also testified for the CNMI, alongside medical representatives from Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Delegate Gregorio C. Sablan noted that this hearing started the momentum for the legislation, allowing for a similar hearing by the Health subcommittee to follow in June.

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FEMA's Public Assistance program, which provides grant reimbursement to communities for expenses incurred in the immediate response and the recovery from a disaster.

Eligible applicants include states, federally-recognized tribal governments, U.S. terri-

tories, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations.

The grant applications in the CNMI are submitted by the Commonwealth, which coordinates the process with local governments.

"Rebuilding our schools has been a critical priority since the beginning of our recovery process," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

clined to specify the "technical problem."

The Caterpillar diesel engine was reportedly put online last June 21, but it tripped the following day, causing an islandwide power outage on Rota.

"Through close collaboration with the CNMI Board of Education and PSS leadership, our administration worked with our FEMA partners to ensure that we move forward in rebuilding the several schools devastated by Super Typhoon Yutu. Our strong partnership with FEMA has really helped us recover and rebuild stronger for the future."

Camacho earlier said a "grounding issue" caused the engine to conk out.

The entire worth of the project to purchase and install the generator is \$690,000. It was bought to address a power emergency on Rota.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the Commonwealth and it is the Commonwealth's responsibility to ensure the eligible sub-recipient receives this award. Following its review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, the Commonwealth will provide funds to the sub-recipient on a reimbursable basis. (PR)

The contractor, International Bridge and Construction Marianas Inc., failed to meet the May 19, 2019, deadline to install the generator after it allegedly encountered some issues in delivering the unit from the U.S. mainland to Rota.

Two Japanese TV shows feature the Marianas



"Mira-Sieki Jipang" (Future Century Jipang), a national broadcast business information program on TV Tokyo, airs a program about the Marianas on July 10, 2019, including new direct air service from Tokyo to Saipan.

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The Marianas received extensive coverage on two Japan television shows last week following filming familiarization tours to the island earlier this year.

"Mira-Sieki Jipang" (Future Century Jipang), a national broadcast business information program on TV Tokyo, aired a 54-minute program titled "The Island that Japanese Have Forgotten" last Wednesday night, July 10, at 10pm. Highlighting modern tourism attractions and amenities, new air service by Skymark Airlines, Inc. and the historic ties between Japan and the Marianas, the program urged viewers to remember "Saipan, the island that we shouldn't forget."

The two-hour "Human Observation Variety: Monitoring" aired last July 11 night at 8pm on TBS (Tokyo Broadcasting Station) and featured over 20 minutes on Saipan. The variety show observes the reaction of people to the unexpected. The program followed "Big Eater Three Sisters"—three women taking on strong men around the world in eating contests. The Marianas segment highlighted professional food fighter Sa-



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Japan TV program "Human Observation Variety: Monitoring" airs a program on July 11, 2019, featuring professional food fighter Sachio Masubuchi, right, at the 2019 Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden.

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chiyo Masubuchi competing in the J's Fried Rice Eating Competition held as part of the Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden in May 2019. The three "sisters" also challenged a local diving guide to finish a 9-lb steak in less than an hour at Country House Restaurant.

The programs were filmed in April and May with the assistance of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"Interest in the Marianas is increasing in Japan with the launch of direct charter service via Skymark Airlines from Tokyo," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "In addition to this month's television shows and digital advertising recently run at train stations in Tokyo, we have implemented several other marketing and promotions projects to help fill the additional nine charter flights planned for August and September. It is a very welcome boost from the Japan market."

Skymark will operate nine charter flights from Tokyo Narita International Airport to Saipan International Airport in August and September. The flights will depart Narita daily on Aug. 9-14

4-H Marianas, MINA collaborate on tree planting

The 4-H Marianas' Camp Maga'lahi participants were in for a surprise with their trip to Micro Beach last Friday.

The participants were greeted by the Micronesian Islands Nature Alliance, or MINA, and learned about the many native plants in the CNMI.

Participants were also given the opportunity to plant trees at the beach; MINA provided the materials needed to make this possible.

The participants were also taught about which plant species were native and non-native to the islands, and how re-planting helps prevent erosion, sedimentation, and runoff into the lagoon and prevent further reef degradation.

In a Facebook post, the Northern Marianas College thanked MINA for its help. MINA also thanked NMC in a separate Facebook post.

MINA is just fresh off its "Bring Back Our Trees" campaign; the group finished its

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BoG promotes Quichocho, Leon Guerrero to SVP

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam has promoted two officers to senior vice president posts.

Janice Quichocho was promoted from vice president/Lean Six Sigma to senior vice president/chief retail and card services officer, responsible for the Guam, CNMI, and neighboring island branches, ebanking group and card services.

Quichocho, who has been with the Bank of Guam for 30 years, has most recently been

trust manager, e-banking and neighboring islands regional manager, risk officer and com-



Quichocho

pliance manager and retail banking group manager.

A graduate of John F. Ken-



Guerrero

nedy High School, Quichocho has certifications as a business resilience manager, anti-money laundering specialist and regulatory compliance manager.

Lesley Leon Guerrero has been promoted from vice president/customer experience director to senior vice president/chief experience officer, responsible for the bank's customer experience, marketing and branding.

Leon Guerrero, who has been with the bank since 2011,

has managed the customer experience area.

She was previously with Guam Homeland Security (public affairs officer) and Recovery Coordination Office (project officer), Office of Civil Defense.

A graduate of Chaminade University, Leon Guerrero has a professional MBA from the University of Guam and is graduating from the Pacific Coast School of Banking in September 2019.

Leon Guerrero sits on the boards of the University of Guam board of regents, Junior Achievement of Guam, Guam

Young Professionals, and Mercy Action Marianas.

Joaquin P.L.G. Cook, Bank of Guam president and chief executive officer said, "We are very happy and excited to welcome Jan and Lesley to our senior management team. They both possess the skillset and values aligned with those of Bank of Guam. Moreover, their ideas, energy and commitment to our success make them outstanding additions to our team. I am confident that they will provide countless contributions to the success of our organization moving forward." (PR)

Scheduled power interruptions

There will be scheduled power interruptions on the following dates, times and locations:

Monday, July 15, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm

- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Area(s) affected: Isley Field area near ARFF facility
- Water well(s) affected: Isley Wells, IF: 11, 106
- Wastewater lift station(s) affected: None
- Pole replacement(s): Five

Rai, As Lito Road, Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road (Shell Dandan to ABCD Market) and is dependent on the length of time to complete the project. Should there be complications to the project, then water service will be affected to allow the water tanks to fill.

- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan

Friday, July 19, 2019 8:30am to 12:30pm

- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan

- Area(s) affected: Isley Field Water Wells
- Momentary Outages from Sky Chef to ARFF facilities and Obyan village
- Water well(s) affected: Isley Wells, IF: 19-22, 25, 101, 201, 202, 203, 208
- Water service maybe affected based on tank level for the following areas: Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, As Perdido, Chalan Kiya, Chalan Laulau (Middle Road & Beach Road), Gualo Rai, As Lito Road, Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road (Shell Dandan to ABCD Market) and is dependent on the length of time to complete the project. Should there be complications to the project, then water service will be affected to allow the water tanks to fill.

- Wastewater lift station(s) affected: None
- Pole replacement(s): Four

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize utility lines and allow power line workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to safely replace 98 wooden poles with concrete poles at Isley Field in Dandan village.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP19-BECQ-106**
SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 05, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.
"OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL & COASTAL QUALITY – SAIPAN"
COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.
THE LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A-D)
THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAIC SECTION 70-30-3-725 AND 70-30-3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.
THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.
**/S/ ELI D. CABRERA
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ** **/S/ JOAQUIN S. REYES
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB19-BECQ-107**
SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 05, 2019 TIME: 09:30 A.M.
"OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL & COASTAL QUALITY – ROTA BRANCH"
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**/S/ ELI D. CABRERA
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ** **/S/ JOAQUIN S. REYES
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP19-CHCC/CGC-016**
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 29, 2019 TIME: 2:00 PM
"DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM"
COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION-MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.
THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSAL AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.
*Mandatory bidders meeting on July 03, 2019 @ 11:00 am, Saipan time @ CHCC Conference Room #3.
**/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** **/S/ SUBROTO BANERJI
ACTING CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NMC RFP 19-002**

NMC CREES AQUACULTURE FACILITY PROJECT

Northern Marianas College is soliciting sealed proposal for the renovation, repair and Design and Build of CREES Aquaculture Facility, As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1 commencing Wednesday, June 19, 2019, between the hours of 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Proposal Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., July 19, 2019, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1, Administrative Services Office, Saipan, MP 96950.

For Proposers located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the RFP via email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Mandatory pre-proposal meeting and Site Inspection: July 03, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Building J, CREES Conference room.

Discussion may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers.

NMC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and/or to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole discretion, to do so will be in the best interest of the College. All proposals shall become the property of NMC.

**/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager**

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**TWO HONG CORPORATION
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

(1) CHEF COOK
JOB DUTIES:
Direct and may participate in the preparation, seasoning cooking of salads, soup, fish, meats vegetables, desserts and other foods, may plan and price menu items, order supplies and keep records and accounts, monitor sanitation practices to ensure that employees follow standards and regulations, check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure that standards are met, estimate amounts and costs of required supplies such as food and ingredients, instruct cooks or other workers in the preparation, cooking, garnishing or preparation of food, supervise or coordinate activities of cooks or workers engaged in food preparation

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With work experience as chef cook in Korean Menus
- With good moral character and can work flexible time

Salary: 14.14/hr
This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position

(2) WAITRESS/WAITER
JOB DUTIES:
Take orders from patrons for food and beverages, check with customers to ensure that they are enjoying their meals and take actions to correct any problems, check patrons identification to ensure that they meet minimum age requirements for consumption of alcoholic beverages, collects payments from customers, write patrons food orders on order slips, memorize orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With work experience as waitress
- With good moral character and can work flexible time

Salary: 8.28/hr
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**IAM CORPORATION DBA JEJU AIR SAIPAN LOUNGE
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

(1) TOUR GUIDE
JOB DUTIES:
Describe tour points of interest to group members, and respond to questions, escort individuals, or groups to cruises, sightseeing tours or thru places of interest such as individual establishments, public buildings, and art galleries, conduct education activities for school for school children, monitor visitors activities, to ensure compliance with establishment or tour regulations and safety practices, provide directions and other pertinent information to visitors.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With at least 6 months work experience as tour guide
- With customer service-oriented person
- With good moral character
- Able to read and speak in Korean language

Salary: 9.23/hr
These job opportunities are temporary full-time position

(2) TRAVEL AGENTS
JOB DUTIES:
Plan and sell transportation and accommodations for travel agency customers, determine destination modes of transportation, travel dates, costs and accommodations required, may also described plan and arrange itineraries and sell tour packages, may assist in resolving clients travel problems.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With one-year work experience as travel agent
- With computer skills required
- Able to read and understand English and Korean language
- And can communicate with our main office in Korea

Salary: 14.84/hr to 18.00/hr
These job opportunities are temporary full-time position

Interested Applicants can email their resume to jejuloungesaipan@naver.com Or fax to 233-3004 or can call office number 233-3004 for more information from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

USDOL still mum on PWS

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Labor remains mum on which

prevailing wage survey should be used for the hiring of CW-1 workers in the CNMI.

With new regulations implemented for fiscal year 2020

CW-1 petitions, the USDOL remains silent after *Saipan Tribune* reached out to their media contact last Thursday afternoon on the issue.

Employers remain confused on whether the first round of the prevailing wage survey should be used or the second when it comes to determining the prevailing wage of a CW-1 worker, which is the first step of a

CW-1 petition.

There were 84 job categories prioritized in the first round of the PWS. The final round of the PWS was finalized late June 2019 and consists of 291 occupations.

The CNMI Department of Labor, according to employers *Saipan Tribune* interviewed previously, have had essential documents withheld after a discrepancy between the second round of the prevailing wage survey and the first round of the prevailing wage survey was discovered.

The second round of the prevailing wage survey indicated unique salary rates for occupations already noted during the

first prevailing wage survey, causing the CNMI DOL to deny local documents required to continue the CW-1 petition.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' office has yet to comment on the matter after *Saipan Tribune* reached out to his office yesterday to solicit comments.

Current U.S. law allows employers to file their CW-1 petitions as early as six months before the start of every fiscal year.

Come Oct. 1, 2019, fiscal year 2020 starts. Former CW-1 holders would be considered out of status if their employer fails to submit their application to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to Sept. 30, 2019.

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
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REPORTER

A \$2,000 cash bail was set for a man whose car was stopped for a minor traffic infraction and was allegedly caught in possession of a controlled substance.

Derik Jonathan Reyes, 38, was arrested last Friday for illegal possession of a controlled substance that was allegedly found inside his vehicle after his car was searched when police noticed what looked to be a gun case.

Superior Court Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio originally set a bail of \$100,000, but Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo later reduced it after arguments from Reyes' lawyer, Office of the Public Defender's Stephanie Boutsicaris.

Reyes was ordered to return to court on July 22 for a preliminary hearing and his arraignment on July 29.

During the bail hearing yesterday, Boutsicaris argued that the original bail of \$100,000 was way outside bail schedule and should be lowered.

Office of the Attorney General's Charles Lee did not oppose this but suggested lowering it to \$50,000.

Govendo decided to go with the bail amount stated on the declaration of probable cause, which was \$2,000.

According to the declaration of probable cause, police pulled Reyes' black SUV over at around 3:15am last Friday night because he was driving without headlights.

Reyes had a passenger in the car, CNMI Drug Court program graduate Robert Camacho Torres, who allegedly possessed a controlled substance, too.

Police allegedly noticed that a black case labeled "Colt Govemm. 1911" and a GoPro camera case in the back seat and made Reyes aware of what was spotted. Police immediately ordered Reyes and Torres to put their hands on the wheel and dashboard of the car. Torres, however, failed to comply so police opened the passenger door and immediately spotted a pipe, straw, and a Ziplock bag beneath the passenger seat be-

fore ordering both Torres and Reyes to exit the vehicle.

Police searched the black gun case and the GoPro case and were able to procure a glass pipe within the GoPro case.

A K-9 investigation was conducted after on both the car and Reyes and police were

able to procure a silver-gray digital scale, a blue lighter, Ziplock bags containing a crystal-like substance, a broken glass pipe with residue, multiple Ziplock bags with residue, and more.

The bags containing a crystal-like substance tested positive for methamphetamine.

Drug Court graduate is arrested for alleged 'ice' possession

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
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REPORTER

A man who just graduated from the CNMI Drug Court program was recently arrested after he was found in possession of two baggies containing a crystal-like substance and drug paraphernalia.

According to the declaration of probable cause, Torres was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by police for running without headlights at around 3:15am last Friday.

Torres allegedly violated police orders by reaching into his pockets twice when he was ordered to put his hands on the dashboard while police were searching the vehicle.

Torres was allegedly seen reaching into his right pocket twice and reaching beneath the passenger seat, which led police to ask him to step out of the vehicle.

After multiple attempts to ask the officer why he was asked to step out of the vehicle, he complied and police found various drug paraphernalia and a baggie containing a crystal-like substance beneath the passenger seat.

Superior Court Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio originally set Torres' bail at \$100,000 but during the bail hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo reduced it to \$2,000.

Govendo ordered Torres to

return to court for a preliminary hearing on July 24 at 9am and his arraignment on July 29.

Torres, through his court-appointed lawyer, argued yesterday that there was no real allegation against him and he was only in the car and should be released immediately. Office of the Attorney General's

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MICRONESIA FORUM

The six governors and three presidents of Micronesia, as well as policy representatives from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and its members states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap have their picture taken at the 24th Micronesian Islands Forum in Chuuk, led by its new chairman, Gov. Johnson S. Elimo of Chuuk State. This year's theme is "Sowing the Seeds of Prosperity for a Sustainable Micronesia."

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**SBS CORPORATION dba HELLO SAIPAN
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT****(1) MARKETING MANAGER****JOB DUTIES:**

Plan, direct or coordinate marketing policies and programs such as determining the demand of services offered by a firm and its competitors and identify potential customers, develop pricing strategies and the goal to maximizing firms profits or share of the market, while ensuring customers are satisfied.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be college graduate with
- With at least 2 years work experience

Salary: 19.45/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

(2) RETAIL SALESPERSON**JOB DUTIES:**

Sells merchandise, greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs, recommend, select and help locate to obtain merchandise based on customers need and desires, compute sales prices, total purchases and receive and process cash or credit payment, prepare merchandise for purchase and questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With at least 6 months' work experience in sales
- With customer service-oriented person
- With good moral character

Salary: 8.36/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

(1) TOUR GUIDE**JOB DUTIES:**

Describe tour points of interest to group members, and respond to questions, escort individuals, or groups to cruises, sightseeing tours or thru places of interest such as individual establishments, public buildings, and art galleries, conduct education activities for school for school children, monitor visitors activities, to ensure compliance with establishment or tour regulations and safety practices, provide directions and other pertinent information to visitors.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With at least 6 months' work experience as tour guide
- With customer service-oriented person
- With good moral character
- Able to read and speak in Korean language

Salary: 9.23/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

(1) TOUR MANAGER**JOB DUTIES:**

Directs and supervises other tour guides to escort individuals and groups on sightseeing tours or places of interest and provide pertinent information to visitors.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be college graduate
- With at least 2 years work experience in tour service
- With knowledge in making policy and implementing rules

Salary: 9.23/hr to 11.00/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

Interested Applicants can email their resume to
sbscorporation2121@gmail.com or

call office number 235-2121 for more information
from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

RAINBOW CORPORATION

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COOK**Job duties:**

- Plans and select Restaurant Menu.
- Shop and Order all Material and Supply needed for the Restaurant.
- Manage costing of Menu Items.
- Cooks and prepares customers order based on the menu.
- Analyze recipes to assign prices to menu items, based on food, labor and overhead costs.
- Arrange for equipment purchases or repairs.
- Check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure that standards are met.
- Check the quantity and quality of received products.
- Collaborate with management to plan and develop recipes or menus, taking into account such factors as seasonal availability of ingredients or the likely number of customers.

Requirements:

- Vast knowledge in Japanese cuisine
- Knowledge in different Japanese spices and ingredients.
- Must be able to read, write and speak Japanese.
- 24 months work related experience.
- Police Clearance required

Salary: \$14.40-15.50 per hour

Interested applicants Send resume to limsoffice@yahoo.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm except holidays)

This is a temporary full time position.

RAINBOW CORPORATION

Has an opening for

OPERATIONS MANAGER**Job duties:**

- Observe Staff performance to on to assure conformance with company standards.
- Develop or implement product-marketing strategies, including advertising campaigns or sales promotions.
- Direct administrative activities directly related to making products or providing services.
- Direct and coordinate activities of business.
- Direct non-merchandising departments of business, such as advertising or purchasing.
- Direct or coordinate financial or budget activities to fund operations or increase efficiency.
- Coordinates with other Tour Agencies who handles incoming Korean Tourist customers.
- Assist in arranging & coordinating activities of Tour companies engaged in conducting marine & land tour activities for Korean tourists, observe agent performance on tours to assure conformance with standards.
- Prepares reports on tour activities, correspond with tour operators in Korea, prepare exit & arrival schedules, must be able to formulate, organize & execute attractive & competitive tour package in Korean to be sold in Korea
- Act as liaison between tour agents and company and resolves any problems if any arises.
- Must know system knowledge in computer and perform other duties as required

Requirements:

- High School Graduate with 4 years related experience or College graduate
- 4 Years experience in a tour or travel industry.
- Must have computer skill for input of daily sales, handling reservations and corresponding with other agents.
- Must be able to read, write and speak Korean.
- Police clearance required will be equally applied both to US workers and CW-1 Workers.
- Proof of Previous employment is required.

Salary: \$17.23 per hour

Interested applicants Send resume to limsoffice@yahoo.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm except holidays)

This is a temporary full time position.

E & F CORPORATIONHas an opening for
RESERVATIONS SALES AGENT (1)**Job Duties:**

- 1.) Make arrangements for Hotel/Restaurant/Optional Tour Reservations of tourist customers.
- 2.) Make daily schedules for Korean customer's trip itinerary.
- 3.) Make Inquiry on hotel availability.
- 4.) Coordinate with tourist customers/hotels/restaurants/optional tour companies in making any requests from tourist customers.
- 5.) Coordinate with Tour Companies in Korea in regards with upcoming/arriving tourist customers.
- 6.) Make reports on daily tour activities.
- 7.) Make Hotel/Restaurant/optional tour payments.

Requirements:

- At least High school Graduate.
- Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)
- Must know how to operate simple office machines such as fax/telephone and computer.
- Good verbal and written communication skill required.
- Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
- At least 1 year related experience in travel/tourism industry.
- Police clearance required.
- Valid Driver's License Required.
- Previous Job Certificate required.

Salary: \$ 8.54 per hour

This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to enfcorp17@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday- Friday 9am to 6pm, except holidays)

E & F CORPORATIONHas an opening for
TOUR GUIDE (3)**Job Duties:**

- 1.) Handle pre-arrange package tours & activities surrounding in-bound tours, have the ability to carry out activities numerated in the package tour.
- 2.) Prepares reports on tour activities, correspond with tour activities.
- 3.) Correspond with tour operators in Korea.
- 4.) Prepare exit & arrival schedules.
- 5.) Formulate, organize and execute an attractive and competitive tour package to be sold to Korean tourists, who are based in Korea.
- 6.) Confirms reservations, arranges sales of optional tours or services.
- 7.) Assist in selling of optional tours, assist customers on daily basis in explaining all the optional tours and rental items available and perform other duties as assigned or as required.
- 8.) Explain the different optional tours available on the island.
- 9.) Explain and inform tourist customers about the different historic tourist spots on the island to give each customer knowledge about the islands history and its significance to the people of Saipan.

Requirements:

- Two years related experience in Tour/ Travel Industry.
- Must be able to speak, read and write the Korean language for better communication with the tourist customers.
- Computer skill required (Microsoft-Office-Excel/Word)
- At least High school Graduate.
- Traffic and police clearance required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.
- Must possess a Tour Guide Certificate from MVA/NMC.
- Must possess a valid CNMI Driver's License.
- Must be willing to work with flexible schedule.
- Previous work experience required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.

Salary: \$ 10.36 per hour

This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to enfcorp17@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, except holiday).

NWS expects less active rainy season this year

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
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REPORTER

The National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, expects slightly less activity in this year's rainy season compared to 2018 and a lower probability of category 4 or 5 typhoons passing through the Marianas.

According to an updated prediction from the NWS, the

updated probability is because it doesn't see the El Niño weather phenomenon lasting until the end of this year.

For the remainder of the year, NWS predicts a 40% chance of getting a more active than normal typhoon season, 40% chance of getting a normal typhoon season, and a 20% chance of getting a less active typhoon season.

NWS predicts each island could experience one or more severe tropical storm, with sustained winds of 50 to 73 mph.

For Saipan, NWS expects the island to experience a severe tropical storm in late July and August and one or two typhoons from October to December.

These predictions could,

however, still change as the year progresses, the NWS said.

In a June 2019 article on the *Saipan Tribune*, NWS projected a 50% chance of a more active-than-normal season for this year's typhoon season.

In 2018, the Pacific region experienced 36 tropical cyclones. Many of the tropical

depressions from last year formed across Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and a couple in the Marshall Islands, while the major typhoons occurred near the Marianas and over the Philippine Sea to the west.

The most notorious storms of last year, according to

NWS, were Super Typhoon Yutu and Typhoon Mangkhut, which both directly impacted the CNMI.

The predictions, although specifically focused on the Marianas, may also affect neighboring islands so islands across Micronesia should expect a season similar to 2018.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scheduled power interruption today

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a power interruption today, July 16, from 9am to 1pm, affecting Chalan Tun Antonio Apa in Fina Sisu. One power pole will be relocated. Areas affected include Hagon Pl., Northern Marianas College, Comfort Homes, Joeten Housing, Husk Ln., Aschi Pl., Ubwut Pl., Heg-gao Pl., Penka Pl., Patma Pl., and Gafo Pl. No water well nor wastewater lift station will be affected. Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area. (PR)

Guam health centers' hours of operation

Effective Aug. 3, 2019, hours

of operation of the Southern Region Community Health Center are Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Hours of operation of the Northern Region Community Health Center are Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 5pm. For more information, patients may call SRCHC at 828-7506 and NRCHC at 635-7400. (PR)

Navy trainings set

ASAN, GUAM—The Navy will conduct training from 11am to 11:55pm today July 15, and on July 16 and 18, at the Dandan-Malojloj training site in Inarajan.

The Navy will also conduct an exercise from July 16 at 11am to July 17 at 1am, at Radio Barrigada.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel.

Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during these trainings.

The Navy will conduct an open-ocean exercise on July 16, from 10am to 4:45pm within a 10-nautical-mile radius of the following coordinates: 13.48°N/144.41°E.

The Navy will also conduct training on July 18, from 1-8pm at Warning Area 517.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. (PR)

Patients and staff of the CHCC Dialysis Unit pose for a group picture yesterday after the unit's beach cleanup at Paupau Beach.

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REPORTER

The Dialysis Unit of the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. hosted a beach cleanup at Paupau Beach yesterday, participated in by both staff and dialysis patients.

According to the Dialysis Unit social worker Bridget Mahoney, the cleanup is a collaboration with the Marianas Visitors Authority and is part of the MVA's "Trash for Cash" program, where a company/organization is assigned an area to clean and the company will be given cash in exchange. Many organization's use the program to raise funds.

This is the unit's first ever participation in the event and Mahoney hopes that this becomes an annual event. "This was a test run to see how many participants we have and it's been a good showing," Mahoney added.

According to Mahoney, there were at least 20 participants and that she was intrigued by the amount of patients and staff that helped out.

The proceeds collected will be used as incentives for the dialysis patients and other events for the patients.

The unit hopes to participate in more events like this.

Patients who participated were also happy to be part of the cleanup. "I am glad to see that, although we as dialysis patients are going through diabetes, we are going out and helping the community," a patient said.

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM, TERRITORY OF GUAM, BANKRUPTCY DIVISION

**In re: The Archbishop of Agaña, a Corporation Sole
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YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR GENERAL CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHBISHOP OF AGAÑA

On January 16, 2019, The Archbishop of Agaña ("Debtor") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

THE LAST DAY TO FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR GENERAL CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR IS AUGUST 15, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CHST - CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME).

IF YOU WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED BY ANY PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE DEBTOR, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM BY AUGUST 15, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CHST-CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME).

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim for and associated documents please (a) visit the Debtor's website at <https://aganaarch.org>; (b) call the Debtor's hotline at 1-800-571-0657 or (c) call the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in this case at 1-800-484-3513.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ19-JUDICIARY-098

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF HVAC SYSTEM AND MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES

The Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed qualifications statements for the supply and installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") system and mold remediation service providers. Details on the requested qualifications statements and scope of project are described in RFQ19-Judiciary-098 ("RFQ").

A copy of the RFQ can be obtained by visiting the CNMI Division of Procurement & Supply, located at Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, between 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding observed holidays and austerity Friday's, upon registration completion. For general procurement information, the Division of Procurement & Supply may be contacted at 664-1506. Questions on the project or scope of work must be in writing, addressed to John T. Villagomez, Budget & Finance Director, CNMI Judiciary, and e-mailed to the following address no later than **July 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.**: John.villagomez@justice.gov.mp. Questions submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Pre-Submission Meeting. A voluntary pre-submission meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 15, 2019 at the Guma' Hustisia Supreme Court Chambers.

Submission Deadline: Qualifications statements must be submitted in person to the CNMI Division of Procurement & Supply no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 24, 2019, Chamorro Standard Time. Qualifications Statements submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

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Why the pay gap between women's and men's soccer?

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The U.S. women's national soccer team just won the World Cup championship while the U.S. men's soccer team failed to even qualify for the men's World Cup last year. And yet, the women players make only about 20% as much as the men players.

That seems unfair, so what gives?

Certainly when two people perform the exact same job, they should receive the exact same pay, regardless of their gender, race, hair color, height, or any other irrelevant characteristic.

A deeper dive into what's really going on behind the so-called "pay gap" in both soccer and across the U.S. helps clarify some of the reasons behind these differences in pay.

The U.S. soccer-pay difference is unique from the broader gender-based pay difference across the U.S.

There are multiple factors at play in U.S. soccer, including the superstar phenomenon, performance-based pay, and the player's own compensation choices. Government-imposed overseers such as the U.S. Soccer Federation and FIFA also significantly impact pay.

The superstar phenomenon happens when a small group of people who are exceptionally good at something—think actors and athletes—receive enormous sums of money because customers want the highest quality good, and there's a technology that makes that good available to all customers at a low cost: such as live broadcasts and movies.

There's also the fact that in soccer and across most sports, men's teams generate significantly more revenue than women's teams. Pay-for-performance dictates that workers' pay should reflect what they produce.

The women's World Cup is expected to generate \$131 million in revenues—just 2% as much as the \$6.1 billion generated by the men's 2018 World Cup. Within the U.S., however, the success of the women's soccer team has turned the tables, and the women's team has generated slightly more revenue than the men over the past few years.

The final choice-based factor at play is not unique to soccer, but actually explains almost all of the difference in pay between men and women across the U.S.

It turns out that the U.S. women's soccer players chose, through their union's collectively bargained agreements, higher base pay and benefits such as maternity-leave pay in exchange for lower performance-based pay that domi-

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I DON'T THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM SHOULD BE PAID AS MUCH AS THE MEN.



AFTER WINNING THEIR 4TH WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP THEY DESERVE MUCH MORE!



Cruelty to migrant children shouldn't be a partisan issue

WASHINGTON—Children held in overcrowded cells for weeks. Children sleeping on concrete floors because there aren't enough mattresses. Children in filthy clothes with no showers, soap or toothbrushes. Children as young as 8 put in charge of infants because there's no one to take care of them.

There's no mystery why our taxpayer-funded detention camps for immigrant children are such a cruel, appalling mess. They're run by agencies that were never designed to take care of kids, overseen by an administration bent on punishing illegal immigrants to produce an imaginary deterrent effect.

But the explanations don't excuse the horrifying details that have trickled into view despite the Trump administration's efforts to hide them.

First came lawyers' reports from the Border Patrol facility in Clint, Texas, saying children in overcrowded cells were being denied soap and toothbrushes. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan, in reflexive denial, dismissed the accounts as "unsubstantiated allegations regarding a single Border Patrol facility."

Except they weren't. Only a few days later, his department's internal watchdog reported that the problems were widespread.

"Children at three of the five Border Patrol facilities we visited had no access to showers (and) limited access to a change of clothes," the inspector general wrote. Overcrowding in adult and child facilities "represent an immediate risk to the health and safety of DHS agents," he added.

The horror stories keep coming.

A Texas pediatrician who visited a warehouse holding more than 1,000 children said she found "a baby who'd been fed from the same unwashed bottle for days; children showing signs of malnutrition and dehydration" and poor sanitation "tantamount to intentionally causing the spread of disease."

The United Nations high commissioner for human rights, Michelle Bachelet, said she was "deeply shocked that children are forced to sleep on the floor in overcrowded facilities, without access to adequate healthcare or food," and added that the conditions may violate international law.

A Justice Department lawyer argued in court that the federal government isn't legally required to provide child detainees soap, dry clothing—or sleep.

Some of these accounts may turn out to be exaggerated. President Trump naturally dismissed them as "a hoax." But no one has refuted the reports from the Homeland Security Department's inspector general, which list violations of the government's own standards in painstaking detail.

By DOYLE McMANUS

Los Angeles Times



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"My explanation is that it's an extraordinarily challenging situation," McAleenan said this week.

That's not much of an explanation. Here are others:

First, the surge of illegal immigrants and asylum seekers, including thousands of children, hasn't ended. Border Patrol officials say their detention facilities can hold 4,000 people at full capacity. At the end of June, they held an estimated 12,000.

Second, the administration's "family separation" policy, which Trump publicly canceled amid bipartisan uproar last year, has continued in stealth mode.

Children are no longer routinely separated from their parents, but children traveling with other relatives—siblings or grandparents, for example—still are. "They're just not a family unit," Border Patrol enforcement chief Brian Hastings said at a recent Senate hearing.

Third, the Border Patrol is a law enforcement agency, not a child-care provider. It's supposed to process children within 72 hours and then release them to relatives or send them to childcare facilities administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

But the HHS says it has no room, and the administration doesn't want to release children to their relatives—so they're stuck in the Border Patrol's holding cells, tents and warehouses.

Some Border Patrol agents have acted heroically in this crisis, but others joined a Facebook group that posted racist and sexually degrading content, the latest sign of trouble in an agency long plagued by corruption and mismanagement.

Still, this crisis isn't principally the Border Patrol's fault. It's the fault of higher-ups who warned of a growing crisis but failed to manage it well.

Trump has naturally blamed Democrats in Congress for the mess—mostly because they had the effrontery to demand policy changes before voting to spend more money on detaining immigrants or building his wall.

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Starting a joint venture: Part 1

The term “joint venture” stretches back to the discovery of the New World, and played a fundamental role in propelling Europe from economic afterthought to financial juggernaut. In that seafaring era, Europe’s gaze rested far from home. But ocean-striding ships bursting with gear and crew were too costly for individual investors to provision on their own. So many investors would pay for these expensive expeditions by pooling their resources into single-purpose partnerships. Eventually these partnerships became known as “joint adventures” and later as just “joint ventures.”

To understand some of the issues in a modern joint venture, let’s explore a scenario. Fred, the owner of 1001 Inventions Corp., loves to tinker in his garage, and regularly generates interesting product ideas. But each time he tries to sell them in the market, he fails. No one buys them, no one even hears about them.

Enter Mike, owner of Marketing Mayhem, Inc. He can sell anything. Just don’t ask him to think up a new product.

Sensing a profitable match, Fred and Mike meet to discuss how they can help each other. One discussion leads to another and then another. Eventually they decide to pursue a joint venture. Fred will focus on improving his current set of products, and Mike will make sure the world is falling over itself to buy them.

To fund the joint venture’s expansion, Fred and Mike decide they need to bring in some people with deep pockets. After dozens of pitches, they talk two investors, Ivan and Evander, into putting up some cash.

The four joint-venture partners agree on how to split up their stakes: Fred and Mike’s companies will each receive 30% for their sweat equity and Ivan and Evander will each receive 20% for financing the project.

Now for the technical part: How should they structure the joint venture? They have five choices: a C corporation, an S corporation, a general partnership, a limited partnership, and a limited liability company.

A C corporation won’t work well here for tax reasons. A C corporation generally does not make sense as the legal structure

for a joint venture unless one of the partners is both a corporation and owns at least 80% of the joint venture. That’s because those criteria must be met for a partner to file a consolidated tax return, which in turn would allow that partner to use the joint venture’s losses (if any) to offset taxable gains from its other businesses.

How about an S corporation? Nope. The type of people who can own an S corporation is limited. It does not include corporations, so Fred and Mike’s companies do not qualify. It also wouldn’t be available if any of the partners were not citizens or residents of the US.

Another option is a general partnership. But as you’ll recall from previous columns, general partners have unlimited personal liability for the company’s debts, including liabilities arising from other general partners’ mistakes. Thus, a general partnership is seldom a wise choice.

The next choice is a limited partnership. This option works well when one party will serve as the general partner and everyone else wants to be a limited partner. But it can get complicated when two parties want to serve as a general partner. In such case, the partners need to spell out how control will be handled at both the limited-partnership and general-partnership levels. There is a simpler way to handle these issues, as we’ll see next.

That brings us to the last, and usually best, choice: Forming an LLC.

In our hypothetical, an LLC offers better tax treatment than a C corporation. That’s because an LLC, unlike a C corporation, allows each of its owners to use their share of the LLC’s losses to offset gains in other parts of the owner’s tax returns. By contrast, using a C corporation would mean none of the owners would be able to use the joint venture’s losses (because none of the owners is a C corporation owning at least 80% of the joint venture).

Meanwhile, an LLC beats an S corporation because anyone can own an LLC, which as we learned above, is not the case for an S corporation. Therefore, while Fred and Mike’s corporations could not own a piece of the joint venture if it was set up as an S corporation, they can own an LLC.

Moving to a general partnership: The reason why an LLC is normally superior is easy—limited liability. An LLC has it; a

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general partnership doesn’t.

With that said, the partners could solve this issue. But it would involve creating additional LLCs, S corporations, or C corporations—just as Fred and Mike accidentally did by owning C corporations. But with an LLC, there’s no need to create those extra companies. One would be enough (unless the owners needed a sophisticated asset-protection strategy for reasons beyond the scope of our example).

And, finally, an LLC trumps a limited partnership for two reasons. First, control issues can be fully addressed in a single document—the LLC’s operating agreement. And, second, if Ivan and Evander (our cash-only silent investors) ever wanted to take an active role in the company, an LLC would continue to give them limited liability while a limited partnership would not. That’s because under a limited partnership, if limited partners begin to actively manage the company, they become general partners and therefore fully and personally liable for the joint venture.

For those of you interested in a broader spread of practical issues that potential JV partners should at least graze through before setting off on a joint adventure, stay tuned for Part 2.

This column is for informational purposes only and is not intended as legal advice. For your specific case, consult a lawyer.

American beauty

We live in an era of public ugliness, of architects who deliberately make their forms unsightly and inhuman, and of public art installations that are invariably ridiculous.

The most obvious exception is the ballpark, which has gotten more beautiful rather than less in a great example of renewal through a return to tradition.

Paul Goldberger, a former architecture writer for The New York Times, traces this journey in his wonderful new book “Ballpark.”

He rightly calls the ballpark “one of the greatest of all American building types” and argues that “as much as the town square, the street, the park, and the plaza, the baseball park is a key part of American public space.”

Ballparks went from delightfully peculiar structures shoe-horned into city streets, to monochromatic multiuse facilities with all the charm of public-works projects, before rediscovering the old forms.

The first ballpark was built in Brooklyn in 1862 and called “Union Grounds.” Amazingly enough, “The Star-Spangled Banner,” not yet the national anthem, was played before the first game. The wooden parks of the 19th century tended to burn down, sometimes spectacularly (a fire at the South End Grounds

in Boston took out 200 buildings in Roxbury).

The 20th century brought the age of steel, brick and concrete, and “the Golden Age” of 1912-14. It gave us Crosley Field, where the Reds played until 1970, with an upward slope known as the “terrace” in left field; Tiger Stadium, quirky and cozy (a flagpole stood in the field of play in deep center); and especially the “jewel boxes” of Fenway, Wrigley and Ebbets.

Subsequent decades brought a flight from cities, and from idiosyncrasy. Cleveland previewed what was to come in the 1930s with its publicly funded, gargantuan, usually half-empty, symmetrical, multisport Municipal Stadium, or the “Mistake by the Lake.”

The truly dreadful, indistinguishable concrete doughnuts, made for football and baseball but manifestly unsuited for the latter, arrived beginning in the 1960s.

The turning point was Camden Yards in Baltimore, opened in 1992. Originally conceived as another multisport suburban facility, it instead decisively moved baseball beyond such hybrids. Camden Yards has a red-brick exterior and exposed steel supports inside, eschewing the concrete of the doughnuts. It limits foul territory to bring ground-level seats closer. The stands are arranged asymmetrically to avoid a deadening sameness, and frame a view of the Baltimore skyline, anchoring the park in the city.

tunities in the labor market. Today, they can choose whether they want to climb the corporate ladder, take flexible jobs that let them balance family needs, or opt for jobs that let them work remotely.

But some policymakers who equate women’s worth with their paychecks are intent on “equalizing” pay, even if it means taking away women’s choices and reducing total incomes and economic output.

Studies show that incomes and output decline by 6 to 10% when companies—whether through government dictate or rigid union regimes—implement fixed pay scales that don’t let employers offer flexibility or reward extra effort.

Moreover, when Denmark tried to reduce its wage gap by requiring companies to report their salaries by gender and race, it reduced the gap by 2 percentage points, but that was primarily because companies lowered men’s wages rather than raising women’s. Overall, workers were no better off, and the businesses’ productivity fell as well.

No doubt, there’s a significant difference in overall wages for men and women, but those differences can be explained by the choices men and women make and the free-market principles that create higher incomes and opportunities for everyone.

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nates the male players’ compensation agreements (the men have essentially no base pay or benefits and only get paid if they’re called in to play).

Until the women’s current CBA expires in 2021, U.S. Soccer has no choice but to pay the players according to their contract.

Across the U.S., choices that men and women make explain almost the entirety of the alleged 20-cent pay gap.

After accounting for measurable differences—things like occupations, education, experience and hours—a 2009 Department of Labor study found a 5- to 7-cent gap and a more recent 2018 payscale.com study found a mere 2-cent gap.

If the difference in pay were the result of discrimination, that would be a problem. But pay discrimination is already illegal under both the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the free market penalizes employers who discriminate.

Instead, the data indicates that choices—not discrimination—are the primary reason behind differences in pay. And a choice-based gap is cause for celebration.

Not that long ago, women had very few choices and oppor-

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It was such a triumph that its retro style has become a design cliche. Its influence stamped the best of the new parks: PNC Park in Pittsburgh, which, outside of Fenway and Wrigley, might be the most charming place to watch a game in the country; Oracle Park in San Francisco, which is everything its execrable forebear, Candlestick, wasn’t; T-Mobile Park in Seattle, which is enchanting despite a retractable roof.

Goldberger writes of how the ballpark, with its lush field at the center of an enclosure of concrete and steel, is the garden in the city, a sports combination of the Jeffersonian agrarian tradition and the Hamiltonian emphasis on cities and industry.

It’s a wonder we managed to mess it up, but we did, before the current revival that shows there’s always a way back.

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But the Democrats didn’t devise Trump’s publicly declared strategy of making conditions bad for migrants to deter them from coming. That didn’t stop families who fled vicious gang wars in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras in fear for their lives.

Finally, this shouldn’t be a partisan debate, even in an election season—but, of course, it is.

“The Democrats’ bad immigration laws, which could be easily fixed, are the problem,” Trump tweeted. On the other side, Democratic presidential candidates have been outdoing each other in supporting leniency for migrants who enter the country illegally.

Still, this isn’t about which immigration policy you prefer. You can espouse a border wall, family deportation and “zero tolerance,” as Trump does; that doesn’t excuse cruelty to children, whether by incompetence or design.

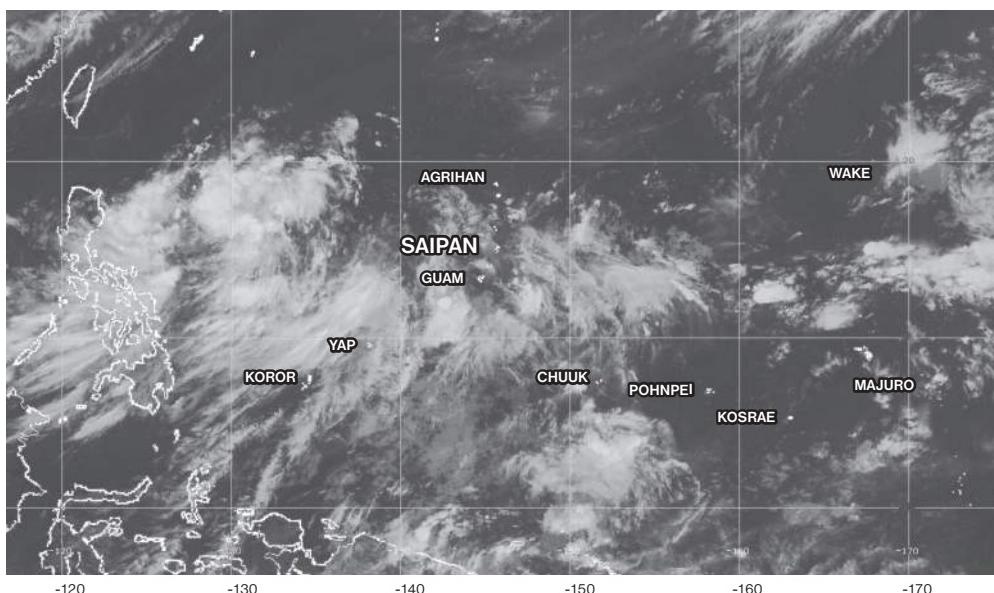
On Independence Day, the president gave a speech praising the armed forces and extolling the wisdom of the founding fathers. He would have done better to heed Thomas Jefferson: “I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.”

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:50 AM, MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180°.

A circulation could be found to the west of the Marianas. A monsoon trough extends from this circulation across the Marianas to near Rota. The circulation will move slowly west and as it does the monsoon trough over the area will become weaker and eventually dissipate by Wednesday. While the trough is over the area it will produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Converging trade-winds and the reemergence of another monsoon trough this weekend will keep isolated showers and thunderstorms in the forecast through at least Sunday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87°	/	79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85°	/	78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87°	/	80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87°	/	81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86°	/	77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86°	/	77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83°	/	79°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Rain	57°	/	50°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	91°	/	73°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	91°	/	84°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	89°	/	77°
London	Partly Cloudy	79°	/	61°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	85°	/	66°
Manila	Thunderstorms	84°	/	79°
Melbourne	Showers	55°	/	45°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	88°	/	81°
New York	Partly Cloudy	90°	/	77°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	86°	/	75°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	81°	/	59°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	79°	/	72°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	90°	/	63°
Salem	Thunderstorms	94°	/	73°
San Francisco	Windy	64°	/	53°
Seoul	Cloudy	88°	/	72°
Tokyo	Showers	81°	/	72°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	93°	/	75°

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Business

China's economy growth cools further amid US tariff war

BEIJING (AP)—China's economic growth slowed to its lowest level in a decade in the quarter ending in June, adding to pressure on Chinese leaders as they fight a tariff war with Washington.

The world's second-largest economy grew 6.2% over a year ago, down from the previous quarter's 6.4%, government data showed Monday. That was the weakest growth since the first quarter of 2009 in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

Forecasters had expected China's economy to rebound in late 2018 but pushed back that target after President Donald Trump hiked U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports to pressure Beijing over its efforts to develop advanced technologies. Now, economists say the slowdown might extend into next year.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed last month to resume negotiations on the fight that has battered exporters on both sides. But economists warn their truce is fragile because they still face the same array of disputes that caused talks to break down in May.

"The trade war is having a huge impact on the Chinese economy," said Edward Moya of OANDA in a report. "As trade negotiations struggle for meaningful progress, we are probably not near the bottom for China's economy."

Chinese leaders have stepped up spending and bank lending to keep growth within this year's official target range of 6% to 6.5% and avert politically dangerous job losses. But they face an avalanche of unexpectedly bad news including plunging auto sales.



In this Saturday, June 15, 2019, photo, a worker passes by goods piled up at a warehouse in Nanjing in east China's Jiangsu province. AP

In the second half of the year, "the external environment may still be more complicated," said a government spokesman, Mao Shengyong, at a news conference.

Weaker Chinese activity has global repercussions. This country is the biggest export customer for its Asian neighbors and a major market for global suppliers of food, mobile phones, industrial technology and consumer goods.

The International Monetary Fund and private sector economists have cut this year's

Chinese growth forecast to as low as 6.2%, a further marked decline after last year's three-decade low of 6.6%.

Growth in retail sales slowed to 8.4% in the first half of 2019, down 0.1 percentage points from the first quarter, the government reported. Growth in factory output decelerated to 6% in the first half, down 0.1 percentage points from the first quarter.

Auto sales, reported earlier, fell 7.8% in June, extending a yearlong contraction in the industry's biggest market.

Chinese exports to the United States fell 7.8% in June from a year ago.

The fight between the two biggest global traders

has disrupted sales of goods from soybeans to medical equipment and rattled financial markets.

The latest Chinese eco-

nomic weakness appears to be driven by construction and industry, according to Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics. He said that was likely to worsen because a boom in real estate development is fading.

"Combined with increasing headwinds from U.S. tariffs and weaker global growth, we expect this to culminate in a further slowdown in economic growth over the coming year," Evans-Pritchard said in a report.

Beijing is pumping money into the economy through higher spending on building highways and other public works. That has shored up growth but set back efforts to reduce reliance on investment, which has pushed debt to levels that prompted credit rating agencies to cut China's credit rating for government borrowing.

Spending on factories, real estate and other fixed assets rose 5.8% in the first half of the year, up 0.2 percentage points from the first five months.

Credit growth to support that has accelerated to dangerously high levels, according to Iris Pang of ING. She said in a report Friday that suggests the economy "would be deteriorating" without stimulus.

"This worries us," she said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

United will scrap 8,000 flights due to grounded Boeing jets

CHICAGO (AP)—United Airlines expects to cancel more than 8,000 flights through October because of the grounding of its Boeing 737 Max planes. United said Friday that it is dropping its 14 Max jets from the schedule until Nov. 3—a month longer than previously planned. The airline has used spare planes to cover flights that it planned to fly with the Max. Still, cancellations are rising because United was counting on receiving more Max jets this year, but Boeing suspended deliveries in March. Chicago-based United said that without the planes, it will cancel 40 to 45 flights a day this month, about 60 a day in August, roughly 70 a day in September and 95 a day in October. Southwest Airlines, which has 34 Max jets—more than any other carrier—does not expect the plane back before Oct. 1 and is canceling about 150 flights a day. American Airlines has dropped its 24 Max planes from the schedule through Sept. 3, eliminating about 115 flights a day. The Max was grounded around the world in mid-March after the second of two deadly crashes that killed 346 people.

Average US price of gas up by 10 cents per gallon to \$2.83

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline has risen by 10 cents per gallon (3.8 liters) over the past three weeks to \$2.83. Industry analyst Trilby

Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey says Sunday that crude oil prices contributed to the increase at the pump. Additionally, gasoline tax hikes took effect in several states starting July 1. The price is 11 cents lower than what it was a year ago. The highest average price in the nation is \$3.75 a gallon in the San Francisco Bay Area. The lowest average is \$2.30 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The average price of diesel is up by a penny since June 21, to \$3.07 per gallon.

Secret brand deodorant donates \$529,000 to US women's soccer

NEW YORK (AP)—Procter & Gamble, a sponsor of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, is now supporting its members' fight for equal pay. The company, which supports U.S. soccer through its Secret deodorant brand, says it will donate \$529,000—\$23,000 for each of the 23 players on the U.S. team that won the World Cup earlier this month—to help close the pay gap. The sponsor took out a full-page ad printed in The New York Times on Sunday urging the U.S. Soccer Federation to "be on the right side of history." "Let's take this moment of celebration to propel women's sports forward," Secret says in the ad. "We urge the US Soccer Federation to be a beacon of strength and end gender pay inequality once and for all." In March, 28 members of the USWNT sued the US Soccer Federation for alleged gender discrimination. The suit claims the federation pays the women less than members of the men's national team.

British activist readies legal bid over no-deal Brexit

LONDON (AP)—An anti-Brexit activist who won a major legal case against the British government said Sunday she will go to court again if the next prime minister tries to force the U.K. out of the European Union without a deal.

Businesswoman Gina Miller said she instructed her lawyers to serve notice to Conservative Party lawmaker Boris Johnson in anticipation of him becoming the next prime minister.

Johnson is the favorite to succeed Theresa May as prime minister later this month. He says it is imperative Britain leaves the EU on the rescheduled date of Oct. 31. He has refused to rule out suspending Parliament if lawmakers tried to block Brexit.

Opponents say that would be undemocratic.

Miller said "it would be an abuse of his powers to close Parliament ... to limit the voice of the representatives that we all elect."

In 2017, Miller won a ruling in the Supreme Court that stopped the government from triggering the countdown to Brexit without a vote in Parliament.

Britain's departure from the EU was postponed twice because Parliament refused to back the divorce deal the government struck with the bloc. British lawmakers have also ruled out leaving without an agreement.

Most economists say leaving the EU without an agree-

ment on divorce terms would disrupt trade between Britain and the bloc and plunge the country into recession.

But Johnson and his rival for the Conservative Party leader who will become prime minister, Jeremy Hunt, both argue that failing to go through with Brexit, deal or no deal, would betray voters' 2016 decision to leave the EU—and devastate the governing Conservatives.

Conservative lawmaker Priti Patel, who supports Johnson, said "frankly the British public are sick to death of this."

"They want to see a government now, with renewed conviction, get out there and do exactly what it said it will do, which is now to deliver Brexit," she told Sky News.

Nation

Barry's flood threat lingers as storm slowly sweeps inland

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Tropical Depression Barry dumped rain as it slowly swept inland through Gulf Coast states Sunday, sparing New Orleans from a direct hit but stoking fears elsewhere of flooding, tornadoes, and prolonged power outages.

Though the system was downgraded to a tropical depression Sunday afternoon and its winds were steadily weakening since it made landfall Saturday in Louisiana, Barry's rain bands created a flooding and tornado threat stretching from central Louisiana to eastern Mississippi and beyond. Several Louisiana parishes were under flash-flood warnings Sunday night.

Far from the storm's center, tornado warnings were issued Sunday morning in both states, though no serious damage or injuries were reported.

On Sunday evening, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said he was "extremely grateful" that Barry had not caused the disastrous floods that had earlier been forecast.

"This was a storm that obviously could have played out very, very differently," he said. "We're thankful that the worst-case scenario did not happen."

President Donald Trump asked people across the region to keep their guard up,

Researchers to look for more graves at Florida reform school

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—A former Florida Panhandle reform school known for horrific abuse, where the remains of 55 people were unearthed after the state shut its doors, might have more grisly mysteries underneath its grounds.

University of South Florida forensic anthropologist Dr. Erin Kimmerle will be back at the former Dozier School for Boys on Monday, the same place where she spent four years researching and unearthing the remains of boys buried on the massive 1,400-acre site in Marianna, located about 60 miles (96 kilometers) northwest of Tallahassee.

She'll lead a team on a mission to see if 27 anomalies discovered by a contractor using ground-penetrating radar on the site are likely to be human graves.

"At the end of a couple of weeks we'll have a real good sense of what's going on and hopefully that will provide some clarity. There are a lot of people really invested in that history and the men and boys who were there. It will be nice to give them some answers," Kimmerle said in a phone interview Friday.

saying on Twitter Sunday: "A big risk of major flooding in large parts of Louisiana and all across the Gulf Coast. Please be very careful!"

Forecasters warned of a continued threat of heavy rains into Monday as the center of the storm trudged inland.

In Mississippi, forecasters said 8 inches (20 centimeters) of rain had fallen in parts of Jasper and Jones counties, with

still have rainfall totals of up to 12 inches (30 centimeters), with isolated pockets of 15 inches (38 centimeters).

"This rainfall is expected to lead to dangerous, life-threatening flooding," forecasters wrote in an advisory Sunday.

Barry's center continued to move through northern Louisiana into Arkansas. The

several more inches possible. With torrential rain pounding the state's Interstate 59 corridor, only the headlights of oncoming cars were visible on the highway, and water flowed like a creek in the median.

system, which had briefly become a Category 1 hurricane, had its maximum winds fall to 35 mph (56 kph).

New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell said Sunday the city was "beyond lucky" that rainfall there fell well short of early predictions of a deluge that could overwhelm



AP
Brady Dayries is hit by a wave as winds from Tropical Storm Barry push water from Lake Pontchartrain over the seawall Saturday, July 13, 2019, in Mandeville, La.

the city's pumping systems.

"We were spared," she said at a news conference, while noting the city was ready to help nearby parishes hit harder.

In a sign that the city was returning to normal, flights were resuming Sunday at its airport. Restaurants reopened, and people were retrieving their cars from medians and other high ground.

About 60,000 customers in Louisiana, 3,300 customers in Mississippi and another 1,200 customers in Arkansas were without power Sunday evening, according to poweroutage.us.

Carrie Cuchens, who lost power at her home southeast of Lafayette, said crews were out working to remove trees that fell on power lines. Forecasters say the area, where several parishes were under a flash flood warning, could see 2 inches (5 centimeters) of additional rain on Sunday. Though some yards had pooling water, Cuchens didn't think her or her neighbors' homes would flood.

ACROSS THE NATION

Catholic order releases names of members accused of abuse

BALTIMORE (AP)—A Baltimore-based Catholic religious order that sponsors schools across the U.S. has released a list of dozens of members accused of sexually abusing children. The list released Friday by the Xaverian Brothers includes two current members "with a credible or established offense." The group, a separate entity not part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, says no credibly accused brothers are in active ministry. Eighteen men on the list are dead or former brothers with a credible or established offense. Also named are 14 dead or former brothers against whom there are allegations that couldn't be "fully investigated" but for which there is a "reasonable possibility" that they occurred. The Baltimore Sun reports the order's general superior issued a statement asking forgiveness "for this unspeakable violation of trust." The brothers operate 13 schools in Maryland, Kentucky, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts,

according to their website.

Man dies after being infected with flesh-eating bacteria

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A Tennessee man died this week after being infected with a flesh-eating bacteria during a trip to a Florida beach. According to news reports, the man became ill shortly after returning from vacation in Destin Beach where he was visiting family for the 4th of July. Cheryl Wiygul, the man's daughter, says the family discovered that a large sore had developed on her dad's back once they had returned home, as well as red bumps on his arms and legs. The man died on July 7, just 48 hours after his last swim in Florida. Wiygul added that while her dad didn't have any open cuts or wounds, he did have a compromised immune system due to cancer treatments and that may have put him at greater risk.

2 killed, 4 hurt in suspected Oklahoma road rage attack

DURANT, Okla. (AP)—Authorities say a drunken driver who was on probation

for a previous DUI conviction deliberately forced another vehicle into oncoming traffic on an Oklahoma highway, causing a head-on collision that killed two people and injured four others. The suspected road rage attack happened at around 5 p.m. Saturday west of Durant, which is about 120 miles (193 kilometers) southeast of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said. Authorities identified the driver as 52-year-old Ralph F. McEnnerney, of Kingston. Patrol spokeswoman Sarah Stewart said McEnnerney left the scene of the collision but was later arrested and booked into the Bryan County Jail on two counts of second-degree murder, leaving the scene of a fatal collision and felony DUI. Court records don't indicate if McEnnerney has an attorney and a listed number couldn't be found for him. Court records indicate that McEnnerney pleaded guilty in May to DUI, resisting an officer and other charges in Marshall County. He received a one-year suspended prison sentence and a \$500 fine, and he was placed on unsupervised probation.

Asia

Heavy rain leaves scores dead in Nepal, India, Bangladesh

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Flooding and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall have killed at least 50 people in Nepal in the past few days, with more deaths reported across the border in India and Bangladesh, officials said Sunday.

At least 30 other people were missing in Nepal, either swept away by swollen rivers or buried by mudslides since monsoon rains began pounding the region on Friday, Nepal's National Emergency Operation Center said.

The center said nine key highways remained blocked by floods and mudslides, and attempts were underway to open them up for traffic. Among them is the East-West Highway, which connects Nepal's southern districts.

Other roads were being cleared by thousands of police and soldiers. Continuing bad weather has grounded heli-



A Nepalese man wades with his belongings through a flooded street in Kathmandu, Nepal, Friday, July 12, 2019. AP

a trail of destruction in other parts of South Asia.

In Bangladesh, at least a dozen people, mostly farmers in rural areas, have been killed by lightning since Saturday as monsoon rains continue to batter parts of the low-lying country, according to officials and news reports.

Water Development Board official Rabiu Islam said about 40,000 people have been affected, mostly due to their homes being submerged underwater.

Bangladesh, a low-lying delta nation of 160 million people with more than 130 rivers, is prone to monsoon floods because of overflowing rivers and the heavy onrush of water from upstream India.

Officials in northeastern India said at least 14 people were killed and over a million affected by flooding, state official Kumar Sanjay Krishna said. Six deaths were reported in neighboring Arunachal state.

Assam's Kaziranga National Park, home to the endangered one-horn rhinoceros, has been flooded.

copter rescue flights. Workers were also repairing fallen communication towers to restore phone lines.

Thirty people have been treated for injuries and more than 1,100 others rescued from flooded areas. More than 10,000 are estimated to have been displaced.

India aborts moon mission launch, citing technical glitch

SRIHARIKOTA, India (AP)—India aborted the launch on Monday of a spacecraft intended to land on the far side of the moon less than an hour before liftoff.

The Chandrayaan-2 mission was called off when a “technical snag” was observed in the 640-ton, 14-story rocket launcher, Indian Space Research Organization spokesman B.R. Guruprasad said.

The countdown abruptly stopped at T-56 minutes, 24 seconds, and Guruprasad said that the agency would announce a revised launch date soon.

Chandrayaan, the word for “moon craft” in Sanskrit, is designed for a soft landing on the lunar south pole and to send a rover to explore water deposits confirmed by a previous Indian space mission.

With nuclear-armed India poised to become the world’s fifth-largest economy, the ardently nationalist government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is eager to show off the country’s prowess in security and technology. If India did manage the soft landing, it would be only the fourth to do so after the U.S.,

Russia and China.

Dr. K. Sivan, chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization, said at a news conference last week that the around \$140-million Chandrayaan-2 mission was the nation’s most prestigious to date, in part because of the technical complexities of soft landing on the lunar surface—an event he described as “15 terrifying minutes.”

After countdown commenced on Sunday, Sivan visited two Hindu shrines to pray for the mission’s success. Practically since its inception in 1962, India’s space program has been criticized as inappropriate for an overpopulated, developing nation.

But decades of space research have allowed India to develop satellite, communications and remote sensing technologies that are helping solve everyday problems at home, from forecasting fish migration to predicting storms and floods.

With the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission this month, the world’s biggest space agencies are returning their gaze to the moon,

seen as ideal testing grounds for technologies required for deep space exploration, and, with the confirmed discovery of water, as a possible pit stop along the way.

“The moon is sort of our backyard for training to go to Mars,” said Adam Steltzner, NASA’s chief engineer responsible for its 2020 mission to Mars.

Because of repeated delays, India missed the chance to achieve the first soft landing near the lunar south pole. China’s Chang’e 4 mission landed a lander and rover there last January.

India’s Chandrayaan-1 mission orbited the moon in 2008 and helped confirm the presence of water. The Indian Space Research Organization wants its new mission’s rover to further probe the far side of the moon, where scientists believe a basin contains water-ice that could help humans do more than plant flags on future manned missions.

The U.S. is working to send a manned spacecraft to the moon’s south pole by 2024.

Modi has set a deadline of 2022 for India’s first manned spaceflight.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Taiwan party bypasses Foxconn’s ex, picks mayor for 2020 run

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan’s main opposition party on Monday picked a populist, pro-China mayor as its candidate for the 2020 presidential race against an incumbent who often bashes Beijing. The Nationalist Party chose Han Kuo-yu to run against incumbent Tsai Ing-wen in the January election. He defeated former Foxconn Technology chairman Terry Gou in a party primary. Han was supported by 45 percent of respondents in telephone opinion surveys over the past week, the party said. Gou was second with 28 percent. Three other candidates also sought the nomination. Han has vowed to make peace with China. In March he signed deals with four Chinese cities to sell 5.2 billion New Taiwan dollars (\$165 million) worth of Taiwanese agricultural products. He was elected mayor in November of the port city of Kaohsiung, normally a ruling-party stronghold, on pledges to improve the local economy. Tsai’s ruling Democratic Progressive Party suffered a major setback in the November local elections amid voter dissatisfaction with her management of the economy.

Building collapse kills 7 in India after monsoon rains

NEW DELHI (AP)—A three-story building collapsed after monsoon rains in a hilly area of northern India on Sunday, killing at least seven people, officials said Monday. Rescuers were looking for half a dozen people, including some soldiers, still unaccounted for early Monday. Several soldiers were among the 31 people rescued since the collapse occurred in the town of

Solan, 310 kilometres (195 miles) north of New Delhi. Police officer Vinod said the dead were six army soldiers and one civilian. He uses one name. Most of the people affected were sitting in a ground floor restaurant in the building when it collapsed because of a weakened foundation, Jai Ram Thakur, the state’s top elected leader. More than 30 rescuers from the National Disaster Response Force used drillers and gas cutters to clear the rubble overnight, said Krishan Kumar, a NDRF spokesman.

Police stop 4 kids who drove SUV 600 miles down Aussie coast

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Police say four children aged 10 to 14 packed fishing rods in a parent’s SUV, left a farewell note then drove more than 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) down the Australian east coast before they were stopped the next day. Acting Police Inspector Darren Williams said on Monday the children were stopped by police near Grafton in New South Wales on Sunday, then locked the doors and refused to get out. He says a police officer used a baton to break a window of the Nissan Patrol, which had been reported stolen. The children are suspected of failing to pay for gasoline at two gas stations and were briefly chased by police when a 13-year-old is suspected to have been driving. Williams said they will be charged.

S. Korean business owners call for boycott of Japanese goods

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Dozens of South Ko-

World

Leaked UK memo says Trump axed Iran deal to spite Obama

LONDON (AP)—A U.K. newspaper has published more leaked memos revealing a British ambassador's blunt assessments of the Trump administration, including one in which the envoy to Washington claimed President Donald Trump pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal to spite predecessor Barack Obama.

In the May 2018 cable published by the Mail on Sunday, U.K. Ambassador Kim Darroch called Trump's decision to abandon the international accord "an act of diplomatic vandalism, seemingly for ideological and personality reasons" because the pact "was Obama's deal."

Darroch wrote the memo after then-Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson visited Washington in a failed attempt to persuade the United States not to abandon the 2015 nuclear agreement.

He alleged the White House had no strategy for what would come after its withdrawal and "no sort of plan for reaching out to partners and allies."

The newspaper published new details from confidential diplomatic cables despite a police warning that making the documents public might be a crime.

Scotland Yard is hunting for



The British Embassy in Washington, Wednesday, July 10, 2019. AP

the perpetrator who leaked confidential diplomatic cables to the Mail on Sunday. Last week the newspaper published memos from Darroch describing the Trump administration as dysfunctional and inept.

The publication of the am-

bassador's unguarded views, meant for a small group of ministers and senior officials in London, cost him his job.

Trump responded by calling Darroch "very stupid" and a "pompous fool" in a Twitter fusillade, and the White House cut off contact

with the British envoy.

Darroch announced his resignation Wednesday, saying "the current situation is making it impossible for me to carry out my role as I would like."

He remains formally in the post while a successor is chosen for one of Britain's most important diplomatic jobs.

British politicians and officials are embarrassed at the leak of Darroch's frank—though widely shared—opinions about Trump. And they are angry that a British ambassador was forced to step down because of pressure from a foreign leader.

Some also blame Johnson, who is likely to become Britain's next prime minister, for refusing to publicly defend Darroch after Trump posted disparaging tweets about the ambassador for two days. Darroch has said Johnson's silence contributed to his decision to quit.

British officials have said they have no evidence that hacking was involved in the documents' release, and that the culprit is likely to be found among politicians or civil servants in London.

Rumors are swirling in government circles in Lon-

Congo confirms 1st Ebola case in city of Goma

BENI, Congo (AP)—The Congolese health ministry confirmed an Ebola case in Goma late Sunday, marking the first time the virus has reached the city of more than 2 million people along the border with Rwanda since the epidemic began nearly a year ago.

The health ministry said the man who had arrived earlier Sunday in the regional capital had been quickly transported to an Ebola treatment center. Authorities said they had tracked down all the passengers on the bus the man took to Goma from Butembo, one of the towns hardest hit by the disease.

"Because of the speed with which the patient was identified and isolated, and the identification of all the other bus passengers coming from Butembo, the risk of it spreading in the rest of the city of Goma is small," the health

ministry said in a statement.

The virus has killed more than 1,600 people in Congo and two others who returned home across the border to neighboring Uganda. Health experts have long feared that it could make its way to Goma, which is located on the Rwandan border.

The health ministries in Congo's neighbors have been preparing for months for the possibility of cases, and front-line health workers already have been vaccinated.

The confirmed case announced late Sunday in eastern Congo involves a pastor who became ill last Tuesday. He then left Butembo on a bus, and arrived at a health center Sunday showing symptoms of Ebola, the health ministry said.

Violent attacks against health workers and treatment facilities have greatly compromised efforts to combat the

don about who was behind the leak, widely seen as benefiting supporters of Brexit and Trump.

The journalist who reported the cables, Isabel Oakeshott, is a strong supporter of Brexit and an ally of Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage, who also is Britain's leading champion of Trump.

Farage has accused Darroch of lacking enthusiasm for Britain's departure from the EU and said he should be replaced with "a non-Remainer who wants a trade deal with America."

Police are investigating the leak as a potential breach of the Official Secrets Act, which bars public servants from making "damaging" disclosures of classified material. Breaking the act carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison, though prosecutions are rare.

Contentiously, police issued a warning to journalists that publishing the documents "could also constitute a criminal offence."

Both Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, his rival in the race to be Britain's next leader, defended the media's right to publish. And the Mail on Sunday said publication was in the public interest.

"Our readers across the globe now have important information about how Britain tried, but failed, to stop President Trump abandoning the Iran nuclear deal," the newspaper said in a statement.

Eastern Congo is home to a myriad of armed groups, and Mai Mai militia fighters are active near the hardest hit towns. Health teams have been unable to access violent areas to vaccinate people at risk of infection and to bring infected patients into isolation.

Other times the violence against health teams has come from residents who do not want their loved ones taken to treatment centers or buried in accordance with guidelines aimed at reducing Ebola transmission.

While the experimental vaccine is believed to have saved countless lives, not all Congolese people have accepted it. Some falsely believe that the vaccine is what is making people sick, in part because people can still develop the disease after getting the shot if they already had been infected.

UK says seized Iranian oil tanker could be released

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Britain will facilitate the release of a seized Iranian tanker if Iran can provide guarantees the vessel would not breach European sanctions on oil shipments to Syria, Britain's top diplomat said, as European nations called for new talks to ease tensions in the Persian Gulf.

The comments by Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt late Saturday could help de-escalate tensions that have spiked in recent days. In apparent retaliation for the seized tanker, Iranian paramilitary vessels tried to impede the passage of a British oil tanker through the Strait of Hormuz, only turning away after receiving "verbal warnings" from a British navy vessel accompanying the ship, the British government said.

Hunt said he held a "constructive call" with Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif and reassured him "our concern was the destination, not the origin, of the oil." Hunt wrote that Zarif told him Iran is not seeking to escalate.

The Foreign Office elaborated in a statement, saying: "This was about the enforcement of EU Syria sanctions:

action was taken because of where the oil was going—a sanctioned Syrian entity—not because it was from Iran."

On Sunday the leaders of Britain, France and Germany called for an end to "the escalation of tensions" in the region, which come a year after President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Prime Minister Theresa May, President Emmanuel Macron and Chancellor Angela Merkel said they were "deeply troubled by the attacks we have witnessed in the Persian Gulf and beyond, and by the deterioration of the security in the region."

They called for talks to end the standoff and "signs of goodwill" from all sides.

Ali Rabiei, an Iranian government spokesman, said British authorities would release the ship because "the tanker's destination was not what the British announced," according to state TV. Iranian officials had earlier denied the ship was bound for Syria.

A day earlier, Iran had reiterated its demands that the British navy release the tanker, accusing London of playing a "dangerous game" and threat-

Focus

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NEW YORK (AP)—A few cells away from drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman at a New York City jail, jet-setting financier Jeffrey Epstein sits accused of running a different kind of criminal network.

There was the team of recruiters and enablers bringing Epstein dozens of underage girls to sexually abuse, federal prosecutors allege.

There was the assistant who scheduled those encounters, and the butler who cleaned up afterward and doled out cash and gifts to the girls, authorities contend in court records.

There were the mansions in New York and Florida, the sprawling ranch in New Mexico and the private island in the Caribbean that kept prying eyes at a distance, and the forms his employees had to sign swearing they wouldn’t speak about him publicly.

All of it served to insulate Epstein with layer upon layer of secretiveness, investigators say, like a kingpin. And, as eventually happened to Guzman, all of it could be on the verge of collapsing inward on him.

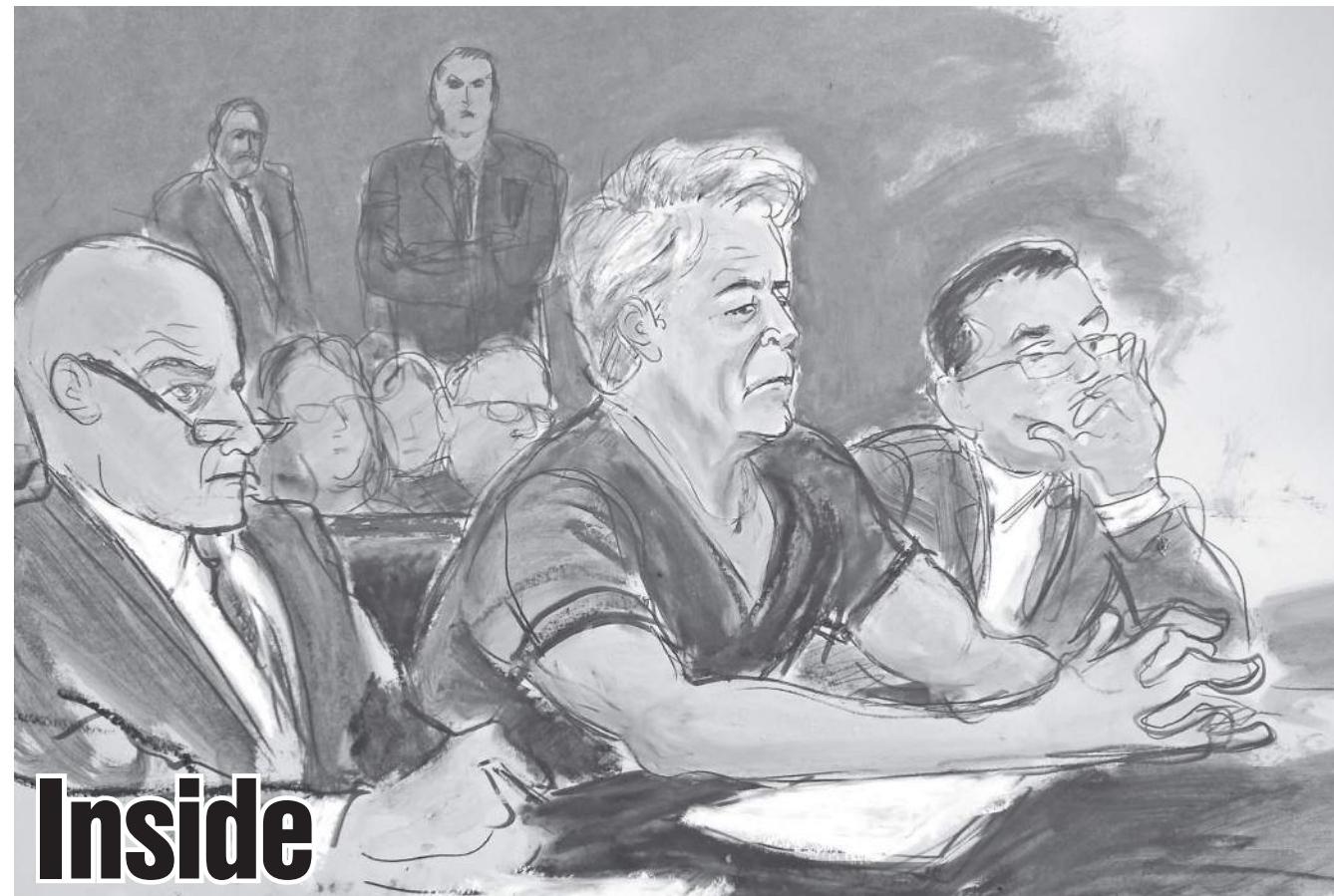
The linchpin of the operation described in the federal indictment against Epstein were the recruiters—some of them victims themselves—who targeted girls as young as 13. Epstein deemed his team so essential that he attempted to shield several of them from federal charges under the same nonprosecution agreement that allowed him to avoid a lengthy federal prison sentence and plead guilty in 2008 to lesser state charges in Florida.

That unusual deal, initially filed in secret, went as far as to bar the federal government from charging “any potential co-conspirators of Epstein.”

That agreement could be upended by the indictment unsealed in New York federal court this month that charges Epstein with conspiracy and sex trafficking, which could see the 66-year-old sentenced to up to 45 years in prison if convicted.

Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, declined to say whether any of Epstein’s associates will be charged. He also would not say whether they are cooperating with the investigation.

Epstein’s lawyers did not respond to several messages seeking comment. In court last week, they attacked the federal indictment in New York as a collection of warmed-over allegations that should be moot based on Epstein’s deal with the U.S. attorney’s office in Miami.



In this courtroom artist’s sketch, defendant Jeffrey Epstein, center, sits with attorneys Martin Weinberg, left, and Marc Fernich during his arraignment in New York federal court, Monday, July 8, 2019. Epstein pleaded not guilty to federal sex trafficking charges. The 66-year-old is accused of creating and maintaining a network that allowed him to sexually exploit and abuse dozens of underage girls from 2002 to 2005. AP

Inside

Epstein network, layer upon layer to protect the boss

Epstein has pleaded not guilty and is due in court Monday for a bail hearing. Prosecutors want him jailed pending trial, arguing that he is a flight risk and could attempt to influence witnesses. They said Friday that Epstein sent \$350,000 recently to two individuals, including a former employee, after the Miami Herald started publishing articles about the Florida plea agreement.

Epstein’s New York indictment refers to unnamed employees who prosecutors say played a critical role in Epstein’s alleged crimes in the early 2000s and received payments to arrange massages that led to sex acts, with girls who then sometimes would be paid to find others like themselves.

“Through these victim recruiters, Epstein gained access to and was able to abuse dozens of additional minor girls,” the indictment states.

Epstein invited some of his victims to fly aboard his private jet, and lured others through an associate who ran a modeling agency, according to hundreds of pages of police reports, FBI records and court documents.

His recruiters generally sought out economically disadvantaged girls from poorer Palm Beach County neigh-

borhoods far from the tony beachfront community where he lived, according to police reports and lawsuits filed in the wake of the nonprosecution agreement. The indictment said the victims were “often particularly vulnerable to exploitation.”

Epstein’s former girlfriend, British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, was described in accuser Sarah Ransome’s 2017 lawsuit as the “highest-ranking employee” of Epstein’s alleged sex-trafficking enterprise. She oversaw and trained recruiters, developed recruiting plans and helped conceal the activity from law enforcement, Ransome alleged.

Jennifer Araoz, a new accuser who alleged last week that Epstein raped her in New York when she was 15, said her encounters with Epstein began when a friendly young woman approached her outside her Manhattan performing-arts high school in 2001.

The unidentified woman told Araoz—then 14—that Epstein wanted to meet her and could help her achieve her dreams of becoming an actress.

“I feel like it was really well thought-out to really make me feel as comfortable as possible, to almost keep me coming back,” Araoz said in an interview on NBC’s “Today.”

Epstein’s personal assis-

tant, Sarah Kellen, would call ahead to recruiters in Florida when Epstein was planning a trip to Palm Beach, the police reports say. Kellen, who Ransome said also recruited girls and made travel arrangements for them, “maintained Epstein’s sex schedule in order to ensure that he was not without the sexual favors of young females for any extended period of time,” according to Ransome’s lawsuit.

One of Epstein’s recruiters, Haley Robson, received \$200 payments each time she escorted a new “masseuse” to Epstein’s home, according to a 2008 lawsuit filed anonymously by an accuser who said she was 14 when the abuse started. Robson targeted girls from the rural area where she grew up, several accusers have alleged in lawsuits, because Epstein perceived them to be less likely to tell authorities.

In an interview with police, Robson likened herself to the so-called Hollywood madam, Heidi Fleiss, and said Epstein once admonished her for bringing a 23-year-old recruit to his home.

“He told her the younger the better,” a detective wrote in a Palm Beach Police Department report.

The Associated Press left phone and email messages seeking comment last week

from attorneys for Maxwell, Kellen and Robson; none of those messages was returned. In older court filings, Maxwell’s lawyers have denied she took part in sex trafficking.

Alfredo Rodriguez, who worked as a butler and chauffeur and managed the Palm Beach residence, told detectives he was like a “human ATM machine” and had been told to maintain a minimum balance of \$2,000 cash at all times to pay the girls.

Rodriguez routinely wiped down Epstein’s sex toys following the visits, according to a Palm Beach police report. He said he provided iPods, jewelry and other gifts to the girls, a detective stated in the report, and once delivered a dozen roses to an Epstein victim at Royal Palm Beach High School.

Rodriguez, who has since died, told Palm Beach police that Epstein’s visitors appeared “too young to be masseuses,” adding they even ate like high schoolers: “Rodriguez stated they would eat tons of cereal and drink milk all the time.”

Rodriguez later pleaded guilty to withholding from federal authorities a bound book of Epstein contacts that he referred to as “the Holy Grail” and tried to sell for \$10,000.

In her 2017 lawsuit, which was settled in 2018, Ransome alleged that while under investigation in the Florida case, Epstein changed tactics but kept abusing girls. Instead of targeting high school girls in the Palm Beach area, Ransome contended, he transported young females from other parts of the U.S. and abroad to his Manhattan mansion and private island in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Epstein required subordinates to sign confidentiality agreements and discouraged victims from speaking to law enforcement officials. If contacted by law enforcement, employees were to notify Epstein’s lawyers and accept representation from lawyers paid by Epstein.

To actress and model Alicia Arden, who accused Epstein of groping her during a 1997 meeting ostensibly about a potential modeling gig, the new charges show he kept “doing the same thing ... having these recruiters, and people are setting things up for him.”

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they have been sexually assaulted, unless they agree to be identified, as Araoz, Arden and Ransome have done.

Arden told The Associated Press in an interview Friday that she was 27 when Epstein’s secretary called to set up a meeting at a hotel where he was staying in Santa Monica, California. She was stunned when Epstein, while evaluating her physique, groped her buttocks and said, “Let me manhandle you,” according to a 1997 police report of her complaint.

She went to the police the next day and filed a complaint the next week, the report shows. She says she never heard further about it. The AP sent an inquiry Friday to the Santa Monica Police Department about how the case was handled. Epstein’s lawyers have said the allegations were discounted.

“I’m very distraught about what’s going on, now that I hear about these teenage girls,” Arden said, when it “could have been stopped.”

AUTO REVIEW:

By Emma Jayne Williams
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Kia has a brand-new midsize crossover for 2020, its biggest and boldest ever with an exciting view of the world and remarkable capacity for exploration and adventure.

The Telluride goes against the current trend for sleek, curvy SUV styling with a boxy hood, sheer sides, and right-angled patterns reminiscent of older SUV design.

The first Kia specifically designed for the U.S., the Telluride is capable of seating eight and is loaded with technology for comfort, convenience, and utility, with a go-anywhere, do-anything attitude suggested by the brawny exterior.

Its powerful exterior is complemented by tasteful chrome and lighting accents, hinting at the luxurious, well-appointed interior.

Four trims are available, each building on the previous – LX, \$31,690; S, \$33,990; EX, \$37,090; and SX (the trim I drove), \$41,490. All-wheel drive adds \$2,000.

Seven exterior colors are offered, depending on the trim level – standard Dark Moss (green/brown), Everlasting Silver, Gravity Gray, and premium (\$395) Snow White Pearl, Ebony Black, and Black Copper (slight copper glow in bright light).

My Dark Moss Telluride SX was powered by a 3.8-liter GDI V-6 with 291 horsepower, through an eight-speed automatic transmission with four drive modes – Comfort, Eco, Sport, and Smart.

An electronic parking brake is standard. Twenty-inch alloy wheels with five multi-spokes had a glossy black Sport finish – very attractive with the dark exterior color.

My Telluride was EPA rated at 19 mpg highway/24 city/21 combined. I drove mostly local neighborhood and surface streets and averaged 24.8 mpg.

Active On-Demand All Wheel Drive monitors road conditions and distributes power to the wheels that need it. Snow Mode or AWD Lock can be manually activated to provide optimal traction. Eco and Comfort modes can deliver 20 to 35% of power to the rear wheels.

Sport, Smart, and Snow modes can deliver up to 50% of the power to the rear wheels. AWD Lock mode delivers power evenly to all four wheels.

Many factors contribute to Telluride's composed ride and performance, including four-wheel independent suspen-

Overdrive

Kia rolls out the all-new **2020 Telluride**, a big family crossover starting at \$31,690



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Kia has a brand-new midsize crossover for 2020, its biggest and boldest ever, with a brawny exterior that suggests a go-anywhere, do-anything attitude.



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Kia has a brand-new midsize crossover for 2020, its biggest and boldest ever, and the interior is more like a comfortable living room than a utility vehicle.

sion; a strong, stiff, torsionally rigid body structure with 59.4% high-strength steel; and Downhill Brake Control.

Besides the expansive hood and wide dark-metallic multi-bladed front grille (with satin silver surround), the front featured a premium silver-finished skid plate; eye-catching, stacked rectangular headlights; and an upright windshield.

The simple side profile led to inverted "L" taillights with LED stripes on the vertical leg, gloss-black trim on the D-pillars, and a sculpted rear skid plate (same silver finish as the front) with integrated chrome-tipped twin exhaust outlets.

Satin chrome surrounded the side windows, trimmed the body-color door handles, and finished the low-profile roof rails, the front bumper air ducts, and lower door molding. Elongated nameplates on the front edge of the hood and on the liftgate left no doubt this was a Telluride.

The interior was more like a comfortable living room than a utility vehicle, with double-stitched, quilted and extra padded Gray Nappa leather upholstery (Prestige Package Plus, \$2,000), brushed metal and matte finished wood on the doors and dash, gloss black on the center stack/console, dual sunroof with front tilt and slide panel and rear fixed panel, second-row captain chairs (tilt and slide for third-row access, fold flat for loading), and reclining/folding 60/40 third row seat.

Interior colors include black, Espresso Brown, gray, and Butterscotch leather, and gray, black, and Dune Brown Nappa leather.

Comfort and convenience were elevated throughout with ceiling-mounted second-row climate control, HVAC diffusing ceiling vents for wider spread of air flow (second and third rows), second-row sunshades, and front seatback

hooks for bags.

There were heated/ventilated first- and second-row seats (three fan speeds circulated cabin air through perforated leather seating, Prestige Package); a heated, leather-wrapped steering wheel; two large cupholders and a fry/phone slot on the console; grab handles on the wide center console (for off-road adventures), and a dual-level cargo floor with hidden storage.

The spare tire was under the cargo floor and a bin near the wall held the jack and tools.

Second-row passengers had cupholders on the center console, set in gloss black; bottle holders on the doors; and seat-back pockets with added net device pockets.

Third-row riders had two cupholders on each side and a small cubby on the passenger side wall.

The cabin was spacious with 39.5 inches of headroom in the front, 38.8 in the middle, and 37.8 in the rear. Front legroom was 41.4 inches, second row was 42.4, and third row was 31.4.

Cargo volume was generous with 87 cubic feet behind the first row, 46 behind the second row and 21 in the rear.

Driver convenience included a Head-Up Display (also included in the Prestige Package) for turn-by-turn navigation, speed, smart cruise control and blind-spot warnings; Driver Talk to allow the driver to communicate with rear passengers through the rear speakers; and Quiet Mode to allow audio output in the second and third rows to be muted.

nostic alerts, and more.

The cabin had numerous convenient electronic features including a wireless charging pad with indicator lights in the front of the console, along with a 12-volt outlet and two USB ports; two USB ports on the front seatback edges (convenient for rear passengers); a USB charger in the console bin; a 12-volt and a 115-volt AC outlet behind the front console; two USB ports for the third row; and a 12-volt outlet in the cargo area.

The Telluride SX has lots of safety technology including Driver Attention Warning, Forward Collision Avoidance with Pedestrian Detection, Forward Collision Warning, Highway Driving Assist, Lane Following Assist, and Safe Exit Assist. Highway Driving Assist can adjust vehicle cruising speed to match the vehicle ahead, as well as changing speed limits, where posted.

When Smart Cruise Control is activated, Lane Following Assist keep the vehicle centered in its lane. Safe Exit Assist detects a vehicle approaching from behind and prevents passengers from exiting. It can also override deactivation of the electronic child safety lock until it is safe to exit.

Parking Distance Warning (forward and reverse), Blind Spot Collision-Avoidance Assist Rear, Rear Cross-Traffic Collision Warning/Avoidance Assist, Surround View Monitor, speed sensing power door locks with impact sensing unlock, auto-dimming rearview mirror with HomeLink, and smart (hands-free) power liftgate were all standard on my Telluride SX.

The liftgate opened automatically with the Smart Key in proximity for several seconds – sometimes unintentionally – and closed with the touch of a button.

My Telluride could tow up to 5,000 pounds, when properly equipped.

The new Telluride SX is attractive, luxurious, capable, and loaded with extras, for an enjoyable experience whether for daily driving or weekend adventure.

A Carpeted Floor Mat package added \$210, and a Carpeted Cargo Mat with Seat Back Protection package added \$115. With destination charges of \$1,045, the total delivered price of my Telluride SX was \$46,860.

Life & Style

Remains found in Oregon believed to be actor Charles Levin

Paul McCartney brings surprise guest—Ringo Starr—to sold-out Dodger Stadium concert

By RANDY LEWIS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—What a Beatle wants, a Beatle generally gets, even when it may require a bit of harmless subterfuge, as proved to be the case Saturday during Paul McCartney's sold-out final U.S. stop on his 2019 Freshen Up tour.

Well into his three-hour performance at Dodger Stadium, the 77-year-old rocker noted, "We know what people want to hear, because when we play a Beatles song, all the cellphones come on and it looks like a galaxy of stars, and when we do a new song, it looks like a black hole. But we're going to do the new ones anyway."

That was his none-too-subtle introduction to "Fuh You," one of three songs McCartney weaved in from his latest album, last year's "Egypt Station." Sure enough, fans delivered just what this surviving member of the Fab Four asked for, and thousands of cellphone lights illuminated the stadium during what must have been one of the least-known songs of the night—more than during any other number up to that point.

But old-school fans were rewarded about an hour later by an appearance from the other surviving Beatle, Ringo Starr, who strolled onstage near the end of the night to play alongside his former bandmate one more time. The cellphone lights blazed again.

The world's most famous drummer's own Ludwig drum kit was rolled out from the wings. He sat down to join

McCartney and the band McCartney's been playing with for the last two decades for the "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" reprise and for the number on which he so famously suffered those blisters on his fingers a half-century earlier, "Helter Skelter."

Starr also paid homage to something McCartney had voiced earlier in the night while introducing "Here Today," the heart-on-sleeve confession he'd written after John Lennon's death in 1980 about the things he never said to Lennon while he was alive. "You didn't say 'I love you man,' to another guy in those days," McCartney said.

Starr, however, used those very words, and heard them come back at him in return

during this rare public meeting and joint performance.

Up till that point the concert had already been one of McCartney's most energized performances in recent years. There have been shows where you wished he might exhibit a little more fire in the belly.

The only signs of any cracks in the armor was the break in his voice that's a regular feature when he sings "Here Today" for Lennon, and that he took not one but two sips of water during the show—an anomaly that's become a bit of a running gag among McCartney watchers over the years.

Perhaps it was the fact that Saturday's show was the last hurrah for this round of shows, and that it also featured Eagles great Joe Walsh—Starr's brother-in-law—who lent his skills to the grand guitar battle that typically caps the show. McCartney's recent concerts climax with a "Golden Slumbers/Carry That Weight/The End" medley from "Abbey Road," and Walsh turned what's usually a three-way exchange among McCartney and his regular guitarists, Rusty Anderson and Brian Ray, into an extended quartet of instrumental fireworks.

It may also have been the familial feel of the evening that was heightened by shout-outs to his wife, Nancy, daughter Mary and two of his grandchildren who were in the house. Whatever it was, McCartney was in top form, his voice effortlessly climbing to the heights it always hit so easily back in the day.

The show also had extra vibrancy because McCartney has at last invested in a live horn section to handle parts he's long delegated to synth horns usually dispatched by keyboardist Paul "Wix" Wickens.

This time around, several songs were, yes, freshened up by the muscle delivered by the three-man horn section featuring sax, trumpet and trombone, deployed periodically on songs including "Got to Get You Into My Life," "Lady Madonna," "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da," "Let 'Em In," "Letting Go," "Come On to Me," "Let It Be" and, inevitably, "Live and Let Die," the last also the vehicle for a requisite fireworks display near the end.

SELMA, Ore. (AP)—Remains found in a remote area of Oregon are believed to be of missing actor Charles Levin, who played numerous roles on television comedies such as "Seinfeld" and "Night Court."

Levin, 70, was reported missing from Grants Pass on July 8 by his son after he

hadn't heard from his father for several days, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

He owned an orange 2012 Fiat and was "almost always in the company of his fawn-colored pug dog, Boo Boo Bear," Grants Pass public safety said in a news release last week seeking information about Levin's whereabouts.

On Friday, search and res-

cue crews narrowed down a search area based on an emergency cellphone ping. A resident located Levin's car in a remote and almost impassable road Saturday. Inside the car, troopers found the remains of Levin's dog. Crews searching steep and rugged terrain found the human remains.

There is a "high probability" the remains are those of Levin,

The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety said Sunday. The medical examiner will make the final identification.

Levin's TV credits include "Alice," "Hill Street Blues," "Doogie Howser, M.D.," "Night Court" and "Seinfeld." Levin also had roles in movies, including "The Golden Child," "Annie Hall" and "This is Spinal Tap."

Oprah Winfrey visits Maui Humane Society following wildfire

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP)—Oprah Winfrey surprised the Maui Humane Society with a visit to thank the organization for evacuating animals during a wildfire, a report said.

Winfrey is a part-time Maui resident who visited the society briefly Saturday, thanking a volunteer and taking a photo outside with the organization's sign, The Maui News reported Saturday.

Winfrey is a society supporter, said Nancy Willis, the society's director of development and community outreach.

"We are appreciative and grateful that she recognized the hard work of the community," Willis said.

More than 200 animals were evacuated Thursday after a brush fire started in Maui's southern area,



coming close to the Human Society's building in Puunene before moving farther south, officials said.

Winfrey posted the photo of herself at the shelter on social media and included a hashtag for the society, as well as the Maui police and fire departments.

"Everyone's safe including all the animals," Winfrey wrote. "Thank you for your service."

Winfrey also gave permission Thursday for emergency officials to use a private road



An out-of-control wildfire that began along a major Central Maui highway burns Thursday July 11, 2019, in Maui, Hawaii. AP

on her property if it was needed to evacuate residents and visitors.

Maui resident Jack Mousally sent a message on Twitter to Winfrey asking her to

"consider opening the ranch road so we can get upcountry."

"Hi there Jack. Access to the road was given to county officials immediately," Winfrey responded. "This was

many hours ago. Hoping for the safety of all."

Winfrey's road ultimately was not used, Maui County spokesman Chris Sugidono said.

Scarlett Johansson: Comments on diversity were misconstrued

Scarlett Johansson says comments she made on the "authentic casting" debate have been taken out of context and asserts that she supports diversity in film.

The actress came under fire in 2017 for playing an Asian character in "Ghost in the Shell" and canceled plans last year to portray a transgender man in the upcoming

film "Rub & Tug," after transgender actors and advocates questioned the casting.

In a recent interview with As If magazine, she said actors should be allowed to play any person "because that is my job and the requirement



Johansson

of my job."

Johansson said Saturday that those comments were subsequently edited in other publications for "clickbait."

"I personally feel that, in an ideal world, any actor should be able to play anybody and Art, in all forms,

should be immune to political correctness," she said in a statement.

"I recognize that in reality, there is a wide spread discrepancy amongst my industry that favors Caucasian, cisgender actors and that not every actor has been given the same opportunities that I have been privileged to." (AP)

Calls for investigations after power restored in Manhattan

By DEEPTI HAJELA
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NEW YORK (AP)—A Manhattan power outage that temporarily turned off the bright lights of the big city only lasted for a few hours, but left plenty of lingering questions and calls for investigations on Sunday.

Con Ed President Tim Cawley insisted the Saturday night blackout that darkened more than 40 blocks of Manhattan including Times Square wasn't due to high demand on the electrical grid, but said it would take some time to determine what exactly did happen.

"We think the grid is sound," Cawley said Sunday, adding, "If there are lessons we can apply, we will."

He said the system was pre-

pared to deal with high demand, like that expected this coming week as temperatures rise.

Officials definitively ruled out either cyber- or physical acts of terrorism of any kind.

Thousands of people crowded the streets Saturday evening, using their cellphones as flashlights while they tried to stay cool amid the humid July evening, where temperatures hit the low 80s.

In the theater district, marques darkened just before evening performances were set to begin. Most Broadway musicals and plays canceled their Saturday evening shows, though some cast members staged impromptu performances in the street.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said Sunday the Department

of Energy's Office of Electricity should investigate the work being done by Con Edison to maintain and upgrade the city's power grid.

He added that "this type of massive blackout is entirely preventable with the right investments in our grid," encouraging a thorough investigation that could shed light on wider electricity issues that could have national impact.

Gregory Reed, a professor of electric power engineering at the University of Pittsburgh who once worked at Con Ed, said the utility had done a good job in restoring power quickly, but said it underscores a need throughout the country to invest more in infrastructure.

"We have a lot of networks that have aging infrastructure

and antiquated systems," he said. "We have to build higher levels of resiliency."

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio both said they would be directing agencies under their control to look into what happened.

The questions raised by the blackout weren't just about the power, they were political as well as de Blasio was criticized for being on the presidential campaign trail when the outage happened.

He returned to the city on Sunday, and insisted that the situation had been well-managed, that he had been in touch with his staff and started his trip back as soon as it became clear the blackout would not be quickly resolved.

"You have to take charge wherever you are, and I did that," he said.

The outage stymied subway service throughout the city, affecting nearly every line. New York City's Emergency Management Department said the A, C, D, E, F, M, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 trains had resumed running in both directions by around 2 a.m. Sunday.

No injuries were reported.

The police and fire departments brought personnel and equipment in from other parts of the city to help, including 400 police officers and 100 traffic agents, as well as 93 additional ambulances.

The outage came on the anniversary of the 1977 New York City outage that left most of the city without power.

ABC's 'How to Get Away with Murder' to end after next season

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It will be case closed next season for "How to Get Away with Murder," with the show's upcoming sixth season to be its last.

The series and its star, Viola Davis, are leaving behind history: In 2015, Davis became the first African American to win an Emmy for best lead actress in a drama series.

In a statement Thursday announcing the show's end, ABC Entertainment President Karen Burke praised Davis for her unforgettable portrayal of a female antihero.

Davis plays Annalise Keating, a brilliant attorney and professor at a Philadelphia law school, where she teaches her no-holds-barred views of justice and life and enlists her students in her cases and misadventures.

A three-time Academy Award nominee, Davis won the best supporting actress Oscar in 2017 for "Fences."

Series creator and executive producer Pete Nowalk called ending the show a "brutal decision," but said the story demanded it.

"For me, Annalise Keating's journey has always had a clear ending," Nowalk said in a statement. "Knowing I have 15 episodes left to finish her story, and the chance to give all the characters their own killer endings" is a rare gift.

He advised fans to "buckle up" for the show's final twists when it returns on Sept. 26.

The show's ratings have softened, with viewership dropping from more than 10 million weekly in its early years to about half that last season.

"How to Get Away with Murder" debuted in 2014 as part of ABC's hit Thursday night programming block from prolific writer-producer Shonda Rhimes, including the long-running "Grey's Anatomy" and now-ended "Scandal." Rhimes created multi-dimensional female characters and rare opportunities for actresses of color, including Davis and former "Grey's Anatomy" star Sandra Oh, who became the first actress of Asian ethnicity to get an Emmy nod for best drama series actress (for "Killing Eve").

Rhimes' long partnership with ABC Studios ended when she signed a lucrative deal in 2017 to make series for Netflix, which became the new home for her Shondaland production company as part of the streaming service's talent hunt. She retains an executive producer credit for "How to Get Away with Murder."

'Spider-Man' does victory lap over 'Crawl,' 'Stuber'



COLUMBIA PICTURES/SONY VIA AP

This image released by Sony Pictures shows a scene from "Spider-Man: Far From Home."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Spider-Man: Far From Home" is celebrating another weekend at No. 1, but non-franchise fare continues to struggle at the box office. Fresh studio-released counterprogramming such as the horror movie "Crawl" and the action-comedy "Stuber" barely made a dent in the web-slinger's earnings, although there is a glimmer of hope in the independent world.

The "Spider-Man" sequel added \$45.3 million in its second weekend, down only 51% according to studio estimates Sunday, bringing its domestic total to \$274.5 million. Globally, Sony Pictures' "Far From Home" has already grossed \$847 million.

Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" landed in second place with \$20.7 million in its fourth weekend in theaters. It's now earned \$346.4 million from North American theaters.

But while the well-reviewed franchises are thriving, original newcomers are facing an uphill battle in wide-release.

"Crawl," a thriller from Paramount Pictures, debuted in third with an estimated

\$12 million against a reported \$13.5 million budget. Directed by Alexandre Aja, "Crawl" stars Barry Pepper and Kaya Scodelario as a father and daughter trapped in their home with a bunch of angry alligators during a hurricane. The R-rated pic has been screened for critics in advance, which usually signals a dud, but it has been surprisingly well-received by critics since opening. It's currently 88% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes.

The Uber comedy "Stuber" got off to a bumpier start with an estimated \$8 million from over 3,000 North American locations. The R-rated Kumail Nanjiani and Dave Bautista film cost a reported \$16 million to produce and has not inspired the best reviews (it's resting at a rotten 46). It's the latest Fox film to be released by Disney.

That lack of enthusiasm is showing in the overall industry numbers. The weekend is down nearly 26% and the year is still around 9%, although Disney's blockbuster-in-the-making "The Lion King" is on the horizon. The photorealistic remake of Disney's animated classic opened this weekend in China ahead of its North American debut and made an estimated \$54.7 million.

Although the big new releases failed to light the box

office on fire, the independent film scene was thriving with myriad of options.

Among the most notable is Lulu Wang's family drama "The Farewell," which currently has 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. The Awkwafina-led film opened in four locations to \$351,330 for a massive \$87,833 per theater average.

Dergarabedian said that it's never a good thing for the box office when week after week the top movies are holdovers.

"That means newcomers are not making inroads," he said. "You want audiences every weekend to be excited about a new film."

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office with \$22,512. Documentaries, such as "Maiden," "Pavarotti" and "Echo in the Canyon" also continue to find audiences in limited release.

"If you're an independent movie fan, this is your weekend," Dergarabedian said. "The diversity of films is just staggering."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

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| 1. "Spider-Man: Far From Home," \$45.3 million (\$100 million international). | 6. "Aladdin," \$5.9 million (\$14.6 million international). |
| 2. "Toy Story 4," \$20.7 million (\$48.1 million international). | 7. "Annabelle Comes Home," \$5.6 million (\$18.1 million international). |
| 3. "Crawl," \$12 million (\$4.8 million international). | 8. "Midsommar," \$3.6 million (\$766,000 international). |
| 4. "Stuber," \$8 million (\$3 million international). | 9. "The Secret Life of Pets 2," \$3.1 million (\$14.6 million). |
| 5. "Yesterday," \$6.8 million (\$7.8 million international). | 10. "Men in Black: International," \$2.2 million. |

DEAR ABBY

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Husband refuses to discuss wife's important questions

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for three years. He's 26, and I'm 28. We have a good life, and he loves my 9-year-old daughter like his own child.

My husband is originally from Turkey and comes from a good family. However, I have yet to meet my in-laws. He avoids talking about my meeting them. I have talked to his younger sister and things are well and his family knows about us. But anytime I try to talk to him about money, meeting his family or starting a family, he refuses to discuss it.

I have spoken to him calmly and rationally. We have a lot in common, but anything stressful he avoids like the plague. If we get into an argument, he shuts down and walks out of the house. Recently, we got into a fight and he threw his phone at me because I shut our bedroom door. I don't yell at him.

Every other subject we talk about—hobbies, music, dates, etc.—is fine, but the important ones are in the back of my mind constantly. He cooks, cleans, helps with anything I ask and is a great husband. Please give me some advice on what to do.

CLUELESS IN IOWA

DEAR CLUELESS: That your husband refuses to discuss meeting his family, won't talk about money with you, throws his phone at you when he's angry and clams up when you try to talk about starting a family are serious red flags. Because you have established a relationship with his sister, start asking her why her brother behaves the way he does. You may have better luck getting answers from her.

Although you say you have a "good life" with this man, if nothing changes, will you feel that way in years to come as your biological clock ticks away? From where I sit, your description of the man you're living with seems more like a houseman than a husband. Counseling might help you to improve the level of communication in your marriage, IF you can get him to agree to it. Something is very wrong here.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a friend out to dinner as a thank-you. We are both retired, and she knows my budget is limited. At lunch she ordered a very expensive glass of wine, two full meals, the most expensive dessert on the menu and coffee. I ordered my meal and a glass of water.

Of course, no one could consume that much food for lunch. She left with three bags of leftovers, and I was left with an extremely large bill and a bad taste in my mouth. Is it just me or do you agree this is bad manners? If I truly thought she needed this food to get through the week, there'd be no problem. But this person is wealthy.

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Judges to decide on bond hearings for R. Kelly indictments



In this June 6, 2019 file photo, musician R. Kelly departs the Leighton Criminal Court building after pleading not guilty to 11 additional sex-related charges in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—Federal judges will decide how to proceed with bond hearings in two separate federal indictments against R. Kelly.

The 52-year-old singer was arrested Thursday night while walking his dog on a 13-count indictment that includes sex crimes and obstruction of justice. A New York federal indictment was also unsealed Friday that charges him with racketeering and sex-related crimes.

Kelly remained in federal custody over the weekend following his arrest. His attorney denied the allegations Friday.

A case status hearing scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday in Chicago will determine if a federal judge Tuesday will rule on Kelly's bail in both federal criminal cases.

Federal prosecutors have requested Kelly stay in custody, saying he is a flight risk and dangerous.

A look at allegations over the years vs singer R. Kelly

CHICAGO (AP)—R&B star R. Kelly has been dogged for years by allegations that he sexually abused women and underage girls. He and his attorneys have repeatedly denied allegations of sexual misconduct.

Here is a look at some of the accusations against him:

CHICAGO, AUGUST 1994:

Kelly, then 27, wed Aaliyah Dana Haughton, then 15, at a suburban Chicago hotel. The singer had been his protege, and he wrote and produced her 1994 debut album, "Age Ain't Nothing But A Number." The marriage was later annulled, and the two refused to confirm it happened. In 2001, Aaliyah died in a light aircraft crash in the Abaco Islands, Bahamas.

CHICAGO, DECEMBER 1996:

A Chicago woman, Tiffany Hawkins, sued Kelly and his recording and management companies alleging she suffered personal injuries and emotional harm because she had sex with the singer in 1991, when she was 15. The relationship ended in 1994 when she turned 18. The woman said she met Kelly while a freshman at Kenwood Academy, a high school Kelly attended but didn't graduate from. She was seeking \$10 million in damages, but the Chicago Sun-Times reported in December 2000 that she settled for \$250,000. Over the next two years, Kelly settled three more cases out of court but denied wrongdoing.

CHICAGO, JUNE 2002:

Kelly was indicted on 21

counts of child pornography. The 33-year-old singer was accused based on a videotape allegedly showing him having sex with an underage girl. The Sun-Times reported the then-14-year-old girl was the daughter of an associate of the singer. Kelly was acquitted on all counts in June 2008.

CHICAGO, JUNE 2008:

Kelly goes on trial after a delay of five years and is acquitted on all counts after less than a full day of deliberations.

GEORGIA, JULY 2017:

BuzzFeed reported the singer lured women into "cult-like" relationships. The internet media outlet reported that Kelly was keeping women aged 18 to 31 in properties in Chicago and Georgia, where he abused and secluded them from their families. No charges resulted because the women were of legal age. When contacted by police, one of the women told authorities she was "fine" and didn't want to be bothered. At the same time, Jerhonda Pace said she became sexually involved with Kelly when she was a 16-year-old fan.

NEW YORK, MAY 2018:

Faith Rodgers filed a lawsuit in New York alleging Kelly sexually abused and demeaned her, locked her in rooms and vehicles for punishment and infected her with herpes. Rodgers said in the lawsuit that the abuse took place during a roughly yearlong relationship. Rodgers made the same allegations in a police report filed

in April 2018 in Dallas that Kelly's management team denied. Rodgers, then 20, said in a television interview that Kelly, 51, instructed her to call him "daddy" and told her his goal was to teach her how to have sex like a "mature woman."

NEW YORK, JUNE 2018:

Andrea Kelly, R. Kelly's ex-wife and mother of his three children, said in a television interview the singer abused her throughout their 13-year marriage and despair led her to consider suicide. During a later interview, she said their arguments often ended in violence, including an altercation in which she said he pulled her left arm behind her back and pushed his forearm against her neck. "I think the reason why I think I made it out is because I said, 'Robert, you're going to kill me. I can't breathe,'" she said in an October 2018 interview on ABC's "The View."

Andrea Kelly, who was married to the singer from 1996 to 2009, said she was speaking out to save lives and bring validity to other women's stories of alleged abuse at the hands of the entertainer.

CHICAGO, JANUARY 2019:

Lifetime network begins airing the docuseries "Surviving R. Kelly." The series looked at the singer's history, and allegations that he has sexually abused women and teenage girls. The series presented first-hand accounts of years of alleged abuse against young girls and women by

CHICAGO, FEBRUARY 2019

Kelly is charged with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse involving four victims, including at least three between the ages of 13 and 17. Some of the alleged abuse went back at least as far as 1998, according to charging documents. An indictment unsealed Friday specifically referenced abuse that took place around Feb. 18, 2003.

CHICAGO, MAY 2019

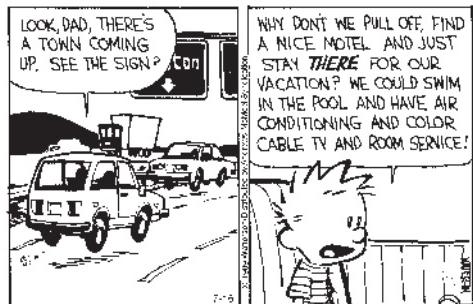
Cook County prosecutors add 11 more sex-related counts involving one of the victims who accused him of sexually abusing her when she was underage.

CHICAGO-NEW YORK CITY, JULY 2019

Prosecutors in Illinois and New York charge Kelly in federal court, accusing him and members of his entourage of recruiting women and girls to engage in illegal sexual activity with the singer and paying them to cover up his crimes, including those at the center of his 2008 acquittal on child pornography charges.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

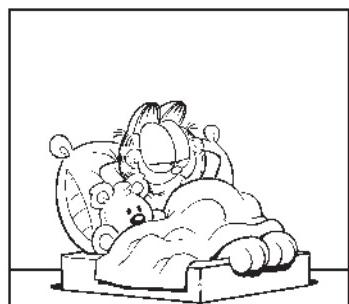


By Bill Waterson

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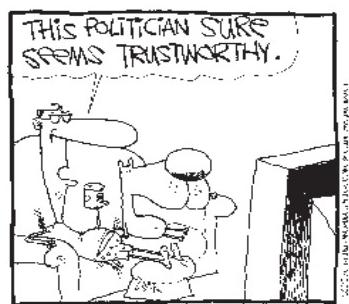
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Solution time: 22 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-16

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Gareth Bale, 30; AnnaLynne McCord, 32; Corey Feldman, 48; Will Ferrell, 52.

Happy Birthday: Plunge forward, and embrace the people and the events and activities that bring you the most joy. Turn this into a year filled with hope and determination to bring about the changes that will make you feel good about your life and your achievements. Partnerships should be a priority, and any existing problems should be put to rest. Your numbers are 9, 15, 23, 28, 33, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider every angle of a situation before you get involved. Emotions will be difficult to control, and if left to fester, will result in taking action when it's in your best interest to simply observe. Avoid physical and emotional stress. ☀★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Show what you can do rather than talk about your plans. If you are in active pursuit of your goal, you will reach your destination and receive the praise you deserve for your accomplishment. Positive change is doable. Romance is highlighted. ☀★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let someone manipulative take advantage of you. Know the difference between friendliness and meddling. If someone shows too much interest, listen more and say less. Don't reveal personal information about yourself or someone close to you. ☀★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's OK to do things differently. You'll come up with great alternatives if you rely on ex-

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set priorities, and live up to your expectations. A change at home will lift your spirits, but if someone you live with or near isn't happy with your plan, alter what you are doing to avoid a dispute. ☀★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Only make or agree to a necessary change. If someone wants to head in a different direction, don't make a fuss. A deal that includes others may not be as good as you are led to believe. ☀★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your life simple, stay focused on what's important to you and don't overdo it physically, emotionally or financially. Socializing and romance don't have to cost a fortune. Live within your means, and avoid adding stress to your life. ☀★★

Birthday Baby: You are friendly, unique and fashionable. You are dependable and compassionate.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUDET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwords. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Rays carry combo perfect game into 9th, top Orioles



BALTIMORE (AP)

The Tampa Bay Rays took a combined perfect game into the ninth inning before Hanser Alberto beat the shift with a leadoff single against Ryan Yarbrough, wrecking history in the making and taking some of the edge off their 4-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

Ryne Stanek pitched the first two innings before Yarbrough took over. Yarbrough was literally unhittable — until the ninth.

Tampa Bay's try for the first combo perfect game in the majors came two days after a pair of Los Angeles Angels pitchers teamed up for a no-hitter.

Alberto pushed a grounder to the right side, precisely where the second baseman usually stands. Stevie Wilkerson followed with a single, and an RBI single by Anthony Santander off Oliver Drake enabled Baltimore to break up the shutout.

Emilio Pagan struck out Trey Mancini for his sixth save.

Yarbrough (8-3) allowed only five balls out of the infield by Baltimore, all of them becoming routine outs.

Michael Brosseau and Austin Meadows homered off Tom Eshelman (0-2) as Rays won three of four from the Orioles, who own the worst record in the majors.

Dodgers 7, Red Sox 4, 12 innings

In Boston, Max Muncy drew a bases-loaded walk and Alex Verdugo had an RBI single during a three-run 12th inning, and Los Angeles beat the Red Sox in another late-night showdown of last year's pennant winners.

The teams needed 5:40 to decide the series finale. It was Los Angeles' third win in 14 tries (including World Series games) at Fenway Park.

Boston got back-to-back homers from Xander Bogaerts and J.D. Martinez in the eighth against Pedro Báez but stranded seven runners over the final four innings.

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 2

In New York, Masahiro Tanaka pitched six strong innings, Gio Urshela drove in two runs, and the Yankees beat Toronto.

Tanaka (6-5) allowed two runs, four hits and struck out five without a walk. Aroldis Chapman pitched a perfect ninth for his 25th save in 28 chances.

The Yankees took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on Urshela's two-run single to left field off Toronto starter Marcus Stroman (5-10).

Phillies 4, Nationals 3

In Philadelphia, Maikel Fran-



AP
Tampa Bay Rays left fielder Tommy Pham goes up to catch a fly ball hit by Baltimore Orioles' Jonathan Villar to end the third inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 14, 2019, in Baltimore.

in front 2-1.

Christian Yelich hit his 32nd homer of the season in the sixth.

Corbin Burnes (1-5) gave up four hits and four runs without retiring a batter.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 2

In St. Louis, Paul Goldschmidt homered, Adam Wainwright pitched seven scoreless innings, and the Cardinals held on to beat Arizona.

Wainwright (6-7) allowed four hits, walked one and struck out seven. Carlos Martínez earned his fifth save.

Domingo Leyba and Jarrod Dyson had RBI singles for Arizona.

Zack Greinke (10-4) gave up five runs in six innings. The loss snapped a five-year July winning streak for the Arizona ace, who entered the game 14-0 with a 1.34 ERA in his last 18 starts in the month dating back to July 25, 2014.

Tigers 12, Royals 8

In Kansas City, Jeimer Candelario hit a bases-clearing double and Gordon Beckham added a two-run homer during a seven-run third inning, and Detroit beat the Royals.

Harold Castro had a pair of hits during the marathon game, when the Tigers trotted 11 batters to the plate against fill-in starter Brian Flynn (2-1). The first six reached base safely, and Brandon Dixon and Niko Goodrum also drove in runs before reliever Jorge Lopez finally ended the inning.

Flynn was yanked six batters into the third without recording an out. He allowed seven runs on eight hits.

Cubs 8, Pirates 3

In Chicago, Jason Heyward, Albert Almora Jr. and Kyle Schwarber hit home runs and the Cubs completed a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh.

The NL Central leaders posted their first series win since taking all three from St. Louis on June 7-9.

Robel Garcia had a pair of doubles and Anthony Rizzo added two hits as Chicago improved to 32-16 at Wrigley Field.

Bryan Reynolds got two hits and drove in a run for Pittsburgh, which has dropped five of seven.

Cubs starter Jose Quintana (7-7) allowed three runs on six hits in six innings to win his third straight start.

co homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Phillies avoided a sweep by Washington.

J.T. Realmuto, who had an RBI single in the fourth, also homered for the Phillies, who also got a two-run single from Jean Segura.

Trea Turner, Matt Adams and Howie Kendrick drove in runs for the Nationals, who lost for just the third time in 15 games. Matt Grace (0-2) took the loss.

Washington's pitching staff entered having allowed 102 homers, fewest in the NL and second fewest in the majors behind Tampa Bay.

Indians 4, Twins 3

In Cleveland, Carlos Santana hit a solo home run that broke a seventh-inning tie and the Indians avoided a sweep against AL Central-leading Minnesota.

Santana lined an 0-2 pitch from Trevor May (3-2) into the right-field seats for his 21st homer of the season.

Adam Cimber (5-2) pitched 1 1/3 innings and worked out of two jams. The right-hander struck out Nelson Cruz with the bases loaded to end the seventh and whiffed Miguel Sanó with the tying run on second to finish the eighth. Brad Hand pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 25 opportunities.

A.J. Minter pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Athletics 3, White Sox 2

In Oakland, Chad Pinder scored all the way from first base when White Sox shortstop Jose Rondón made a throwing error trying to start a double play in the ninth inning and Oakland beat Chicago.

After acquiring pitcher Homer Bailey from Kansas City earlier in the day, the A's completed a three-game sweep. They have won 10 of 12 to put themselves in solid playoff contention.

Pinder singled as a pinch-hitter off Jace Fry (1-4) to begin the ninth. Ramón Laureano, who homered in the eighth to tie it at 2, followed with a sharp grounder to the left side of the infield.

Astros 12, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Justin Verlander followed a two-run first inning with five no-hit innings and José Altuve hit Houston's franchise-record ninth grand slam of the season.

Verlander (11-4) gave up four hits, all singles, and struck out seven. He retired his last 15 batters following a leadoff walk in the second inning as the Astros salvaged a split of the four-game series after losing the first two games.

Verlander didn't allow a home run for the first time since June 6. He has given up a major league high 26 homers this season—four shy of his career high in a full season.

Rockies 10, Reds 9

In Denver, Ryan McMahon singled, doubled, tripled and drove in three runs to lead Colorado.

A day after the Reds romped 17-9, Colorado bounced back with a couple of big innings.

McMahon hit a two-run double as the Rockies scored

four times in the first inning. He had an RBI triple in a six-run fifth that made it 10-5.

Phillip Ervin, who tied a Reds record with six hits on Saturday night, had a leadoff triple in a four-run sixth that made it close.

It took the back end of the Rockies bullpen to finally quiet down the Reds. Scott Oberg pitched two scoreless innings and Wade Davis worked a perfect ninth for his 14th save.

Mets 6, Marlins 2

In Miami, Robinson Cano homered for the second consecutive game, helping New York beat the Marlins.

Cano finished 4 for 5 for his first four-hit game since May 7 at San Diego.

Jacob deGrom (5-7) pitched five innings and allowed six hits and one run for the Mets. He struck out six and walked three.

Jeff McNeil also homered and knocked in a pair of runs for the Mets. Pete Alonso, Michael Conforto, and Adeiny Hechavarria each drove in a run.

Giants 8, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Tyler Beede pitched effectively into the seventh inning, had two hits and drove in the go-ahead run in San Francisco's win over the Brewers.

Brandon Belt homered for the Giants, who took two out of three in the series.

Belt's solo homer with one out in the fifth, his 11th of the season, off Milwaukee starter Jhoulys Chacin put the Giants

Beal could be next superstar on the move



WASHINGTON—This NBA offseason has been marked by near-historic upheaval with more than a dozen All-Stars finding new homes.

Players that reach free agency are almost certainly gone, and players a year from free agency will try to dictate where they can land. This is the era of player empowerment.

But one player who has stayed conspicuously calm about playing on a losing team has been Bradley Beal. Despite the Washington Wizards finishing last season with their worst record since his rookie year in 2012-13, he has not made a fuss about wanting a trade.

The Wizards are thrilled to have a 26-year-old star locked up for the next two seasons. They reportedly would prefer to extend Beal rather than trade him, but that obviously depends on Beal not seeking greener pastures.

According to a report from the Washington Post's Candace Buckner, it's far from a given that Beal would take the three-year, \$111 million extension the Wizards are willing to offer him on July 26.

Beal hasn't requested a trade to date, but if he doesn't plan to sign an extension, the Wizards would be far better off trading him now at his highest value than letting him walk like, say, their division rival.

"I'd be naive to say I wouldn't be [interested in extension talks]," Beal said last month, via the Washington Post. "Washington is where I've been the last seven years, going on eight. It would be great to play in one place forever. But at the same time, you want to win and make sure

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Howard said he'd be open to returning to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"I don't know what's going to happen, but I do love L.A.," Howard said. "Staples Center is going to be rocking this

you're in a position to do so. I'm definitely going to evaluate who we hire as the GM and who we pick up on the team. All that plays a factor."

That last bit is key because it will be tough for the Wizards to build a contender soon, even after Kawhi Leonard bolted for the Western Conference. John Wall's four years and \$170 million remaining on his max deal is the most untradeable asset in the league, and the Wizards' don't have a ton of other assets despite their high payroll.

After firing Ernie Grunfeld more than three weeks, the Wizards still don't have a general manager, and their offseason has been a mixed bag. Unloading Dwight Howard was a welcomed change, but they let young guard Tomas Satoransky go in a sign-and-trade for negligible draft-pick compensation. Without bigger changes, the Wizards could soon be in for some bad news.

Howard open to rejoining Lakers

The last few years have been a whirlwind for Dwight Howard. He's headed toward playing on his fifth team in five years—and seventh in nine years—after the Washington Wizards traded him to the Memphis Grizzlies.

It seems increasingly likely that the Grizzlies will have to release him instead of finding a trade partner, which could again give Howard the choice of his new home. And if Howard had his druthers, he'd rejoin an old team.

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Washington Wizards guard Bradley Beal (3) goes for a layup against Dallas Mavericks forward Salah Mejri during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Washington. AP

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland—Under brilliant sunshine on ancient land that was foreign to him, Tiger Woods got back to work Sunday after a month-long break.

With trusted sidekick Joe LaCava by his side and playing alongside Patrick Reed, Woods took in all 18 holes at Royal Portrush for the first time, a rugged, raw course featuring massive sand dunes and elevation changes that will play host to the British Open for the first time since 1951.

It was no walk in the park on these links, as Woods and LaCava buried their faces into the yardage books trying to get a handle on the maze of uncertainty, especially the green complexes that resemble gigantic potato chips and perilous runoffs.

"A lot of movement,"

Woods said of his initial reaction of the course hard by the North Atlantic Ocean in the northern-most tip of the country. "A lot of decisions off the tees, with all the angles. Now, with the wind switching coming out of the south in the future, a lot of these shots we hit today are useless. So we're trying to figure out what lines to take on and what lines not to take on. And these green complexes are so complicated, you have to miss in the right spot."

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Tiger gets first look at Royal Portrush for British Open

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Woods didn't touch a golf club for 15 days after he finished in a tie for 21st at the U.S. Open, then started building up his golf body, beginning with his putting. He hasn't played since the U.S. Open, a four-week break. Woods did likewise ahead of this year's PGA Championship, where af-

ter not playing for four weeks following his electrifying Masters victory he missed the cut.

But Woods, who has won the Claret Jug three times, didn't hesitate to take his latest break. He said it's his new normal. Rest and rehab have become more important than reps.

"The breaks are always great for my golf," Woods said. "I told you guys last year that I wasn't going to play as much this year, and it's going to turn out that way."

Woods said he doesn't fear doing too much too soon after not playing for more than a month. He continues to adjust with his advancing age - he's 43 - and how to care for his

surgically repaired back.

"I do the same thing," he said. "I start from the green back. I putt, chip, pitch, short irons, mid-irons, long irons, woods. And then eventually play. Nothing has changed. The only difference is that there are certain days I can do a little more than others."

Woods lit up midway through his practice round when he recalled his family vacation in Thailand immediately after the U.S. Open. Accompanied by his mother, Tida, girlfriend Erica, daughter Sam and son Charlie, the Woods spent two weeks in Tida's homeland. The fivesome explored the country, embraced the culture, celebrated Sam's 12th birthday and even

season. When I played there it was rocking every night. The atmosphere is crazy, not just for the Lakers but the Clippers, too. I just think all the hard work they've put in is paying off now. They've always been viewed as the Lakers' little brother, but they decided to stand out and be different and you have to thank guys like Blake Griffin, DeAndre Jordan and Chris Paul for laying the foundation for this team, and then what Doc [Rivers] has done has been great. This is just all that hard work paying off."

Howard's single season with the Lakers in 2012-13 was disastrous, as he saw significant decreases in points and rebounds, while the Lakers finished a disappointing 45-37. He was a 26-year-old coming off six straight All-Star appearances but did not seem fit for L.A.'s bright lights.

After leaving for the Houston Rockets, Howard has bounced around and been in a constant decline. He spent single seasons with the Atlanta Hawks, Charlotte Hornets and Wizards with none wanting to keep him around.

A second stint in L.A. would be far different with shifted expectations. Anthony Davis is filling the role he once had as the Lakers' star big man, and Howard would only provide depth for the second unit. Even with the Clippers, he wouldn't expect to be a major contributor.

Since both Los Angeles teams are dedicating so much of their cap to their two stars, they have been looking to fill out their roster with veterans willing to take pennies. The Lakers already found DeMarcus Cousins, Jared Dudley, Troy Daniels, and JaVale McGee.

hung out with elephants.

Tiger Woods puts at Royal Portrush on July 14 ahead of the British Open. Steve DiMaggio, Golfweek

"We had the greatest time," Woods said. "It was an amazing experience. Especially since my Mom... her health has been diminishing (she's 75) and we didn't know if she could do this too many times in the future."

"It was pretty cool for (his children) to experience the culture, especially at such a young age. From being over there so many times, I knew the culture, I was raised in it. The only thing I didn't try was the spicy food, which is not happening again."

But he got his first taste of Royal Portrush. He said he'll get another serving on Monday, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday, weather permitting.

Djokovic beats Federer in historic Wimbledon finals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—For nearly five tight, tense and terrific hours, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer traded the lead, playing on and on and on until an unprecedented fifth-set tiebreaker was required to settle their memorable Wimbledon final.

In the end, it was Djokovic who emerged victorious, coming back to edge Federer 7-6 (5), 1-6, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 13-12 (3) and become the first man in 71 years to take home the trophy from the All England Club after needing to erase championship points.

"Unfortunately in these kinds of matches, one of the players has to lose," Djokovic said. "It's quite unreal."

After facing two match points at 8-7 in the last set, he wound up claiming his fifth Wimbledon title and second in a row.

This triumph also earned Djokovic his 16th Grand Slam trophy overall, moving him closer to the only men ahead of him in tennis history: Federer owns 20, Rafael Nadal has 18.

"I just feel like it's such an incredible opportunity missed," said Federer, who actually accumulated 14 more total points, 218-204. "I can't believe it."

He has ruled grass courts since the early 2000s; he has won Wimbledon eight times dating to 2003, and this was his record 12th appearance in the title match. But Djokovic is now 3-0 against Federer in finals at the place and 4-0 against him in five-setters anywhere.

This one was unlike any other, though.

That's because, while it was reminiscent of Federer's 16-14 fifth-set victory over Andy Roddick in the 2009 Wimbledon final, that score is no longer possible: The All England Club altered its rule this year to do away with never-ending matches and institute a tiebreaker at 12-all in a deciding set.

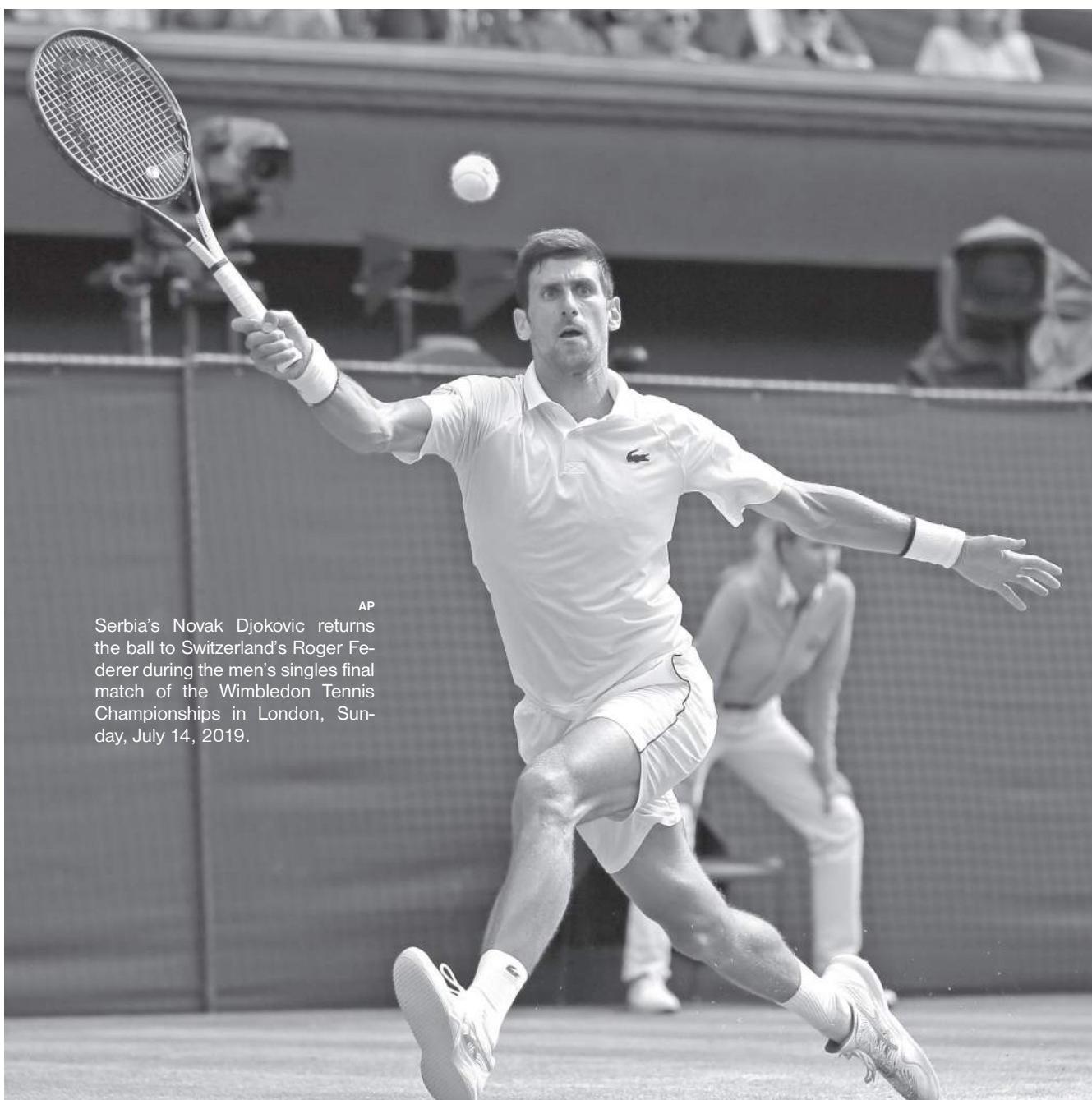
At one point during the final set Sunday, Djokovic asked chair umpire Damian Steiner whether the change called for the tiebreaker at 10-10. Later, when Djokovic held for an 11-10 lead, it was Steiner who got confused, beginning to call out the score as 11-9, before catching himself.

"I respect whatever the rule is," Federer said when asked what he thinks of the altered setup. "So really, it is what it is, you know?"

Federer and Djokovic pushed each other to the limit in what became as much a test of focus and stamina as it was about skill. It is the longest final in the history of a tournament that dates to the 1870s, eclipsing by nine minutes Nadal's five-set win over Federer in 2008.

Like that one, this is des-

AP
Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Switzerland's Roger Federer during the men's singles final match of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Sunday, July 14, 2019.



tined to be discussed for years.

"I'll try to forget," joked Federer, who is less than a month shy of his 38th birthday and would have been the oldest man to win a Grand Slam title in the professional era.

"It was a great match. It was long. It had everything. I had my chances. So did he. I thought we played some great tennis. In a way, I'm very happy with my performance, as well," Federer said during the trophy ceremony. "But

Novak, it's great. Congratulations, man. That was crazy. Well done."

First, it was Federer who kept falling behind, then coming back. He twice trailed by a set even though he came quite close to winning the match in three: Federer was two points from grabbing the opening set on seven occasions but couldn't do it; he was one point from seizing the third, but again came up short.

Then, Federer was down a break early in the crucible of the fifth. And then, after seemingly gaining the upper hand, standing a single point from winning while serving for the victory at 8-7, 40-15, he faltered.

He sent a forehand wide on the first championship point, and Djokovic produced a cross-court forehand winner on the next. Soon enough, the 32-year-old Djokovic had bro-

ken back and on they would play for another 45 minutes.

"Definitely tough to have those chances," Federer said.

Djokovic has done this to him before.

In the semifinals of the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Opens, Djokovic erased two match points each time before coming back to win.

Looking at the bigger picture, there's also this takeaway from Sunday: Nadal's status as Federer's principal nemesis has been well-documented



L O N D O N
(AP)—For the past three years, the only way

Sergei Starodoubtsev experienced the NFL was by watching highlights of JuJu Smith-Schuster and other players on Instagram.

That the 17-year-old found himself sharing a field with the Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver—he was the one in workout clothes, not Smith-Schuster—was a little more than even he could comprehend.

"He's a different athlete and such an amazing player," Starodoubtsev said, awestruck and struggling to find his words as Smith-Schuster addressed a group of fellow teenagers nearby. "I'm trying to succeed in this career and

NFL opens football academy in London

be on the big TV and play in the NFL and be in the same situation as JuJu."

At 6-foot-3 and 238 pounds with eye-catching quickness, Starodoubtsev is, in many ways, exactly what football coaches and recruiters across the United States desire. His only disadvantage? He lives in East London, where opportunities to play the American game are difficult to find.

That's why Starodoubtsev was at soccer power Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium earlier this month, one of 150 hopefuls trying to land one of 80 spots in the inaugural class of the NFL Academy this fall. The league, which has been playing regular-season games in London since

2007, wants to maintain a more lasting presence in the city beyond those few weekends a year. It believes it can do that—and grow the sport—by identifying and cultivating young British talent.

"In the last two or three years, this has been about, whilst being quintessentially American, could we be more British (and) locally relevant?" said NFL UK managing director Alistair Kirkwood.

"(Can we) have grassroots and a commitment to having British players who look like you and talk like you, and then at the same time have younger kids playing the game right down to flag football?"

Players in the United States have a well-developed path to playing professional sports, progressing from youth leagues to high school and college. The setup in Europe differs significantly. It's far more common for prospects to join a sports club's academy at a young age and receive coaching in a structured environment all the way through to a senior-team debut.

Kirkwood wants to follow that model—with a twist. By partnering with Barnet & Southgate College in north London, those who have been selected to enroll in the NFL Academy will begin classes in September with up to 12 hours of football practice added on each week.

The initial enrollment will include boys ages 16-18.

and much-examined over the years—which is a small part of why Friday's semifinal victory for Federer was fraught with meaning. But it's now high time to discuss Djokovic's edge over Federer.

Djokovic has won their past five meetings and holds a 26-22 advantage overall head-to-head, including 10-6 at Grand Slam tournaments and 3-1 at Wimbledon.

By the reverberating sound of things around the old arena Sunday, a vast majority of the spectators were pulling for the popular Federer. Made it seem as though he might be British, not Swiss.

While one person cried out, "We love you both!"—a fitting sentiment, given the high quality and unceasing shifts in momentum—the "Come on, Roger!" count far outnumbered the shouts for his Serbian foe.

Yes, they roared for Federer's ace on the very first point and when he sent the final to a fifth set. They even applauded when he kicked a ball to a ball boy or when he brought his racket around his back to make meaningless contact after Djokovic served a let.

And then there were the "Awwws." So many "Awwws"—pained sighs of despair accompanying a missed backhand here, a double-fault there, by their guy.

It wasn't until the fourth set that Federer faced so much as one break point, no small accomplishment against Djokovic, considered by many to be the greatest returner of his, or perhaps any, generation. Still, even though Federer did get broken in that set, he won it to send this match to a fifth.

What already was fun to watch became completely riveting.

That's not to say the tennis was perfect, because both men showed signs of fatigue and perhaps nerves. Federer's mediocre approach shot provided Djokovic an opening for a backhand pass that earned a break and a 4-2 lead.

Djokovic's double-fault in the next game helped Federer break back, and the ensuing changeover was filled with a fugue of fans' voices chanting the first names of both.

As the newfangled tie-breaker carried the last set alone past the two-hour mark, it was Djokovic who was better. When Federer shanked a forehand off his racket frame, it was over, allowing Djokovic to renew his personal tradition of plucking some blades of Centre Court grass and chewing on them.

"Constant pressure," Djokovic said. "I had to fight and find my game to stay in the match."

Lee, Sinclair ease past opponents

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The CNMI's Colin Sinclair and Carol Lee waltzed past the second round of their respective singles events in the XVI Pacific Games yesterday at the Apia Park Tennis Courts in Samoa.

Lee, seeded No. 5 in the women's singles, topped Samoa's Ela Puleni Vakaukamea, 6-2, 6-3, to advance to the third round where she will face the winner in today's match between No. 12 Leilany Ipuresso of New Caledonia and unranked Davina Hosking-Ashford of the Cook Islands. Ipuresso and Hosking-Ashford were originally set to collide yesterday, but their game along with several other matches last Monday afternoon were rained-out.

Isabel Hera's second round meeting with and Samoa's Sauleone Anasis Saipela was also reset to today, while Malika Miyawaki and Tania Tan's matches were completed yesterday. No. 3 Steffi Carruthers of American Samoa defeated Tan, 6-0, 6-0, while No. 6 Naia Guitton of Tahiti downed Miyawaki, 6-4, 6-3.

In the men's singles, Sinclair and Song are in the third round, as the former hammered Samoa's Icham Tidjine and the latter won via walk-over against No. 13 Larry Magalasin of American Samoa.

Sinclair's next foe is No. 14 seed and Vanuatu's Leon Vainui Soonalole, who eliminated Robert Remikio Scotty, 6-0, 3-2 (retired). The No. 1 seed Sinclair will go for a quar-

terfinals berth, while Song will do the same when he takes on No. 2 and Papua New Guinea's Matthew Stubbings.

Besides the singles matches, the men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles games will also resume today

after yesterday's cancellation due to rain.

Meanwhile, three CNMI runners completed their races yesterday at the start of the athletics competition at the Apia Park Stadium's track facility.

Traven Quifugua joined

Heat 3 of the 100m qualifying run and timed in at 11.81 seconds, while Beo Ngirchongor was on Heat 1 and submitted 12.66 seconds. Both Commonwealth bets missed the cut.

In the women's 5,000m race, Tan logged 21:56.63.



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From left, Carol Lee, Isabel Heras, Tania Tan, and Malika Miyawaki, pose for a photo before playing in their respective matches in the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa last week.

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the Commonwealth. The CNMI had to get the blessing of the group anew after the Mini Games was scaled down to just six events and the proposed budget was trimmed from \$8 million to \$3 million.

"This is welcoming news, and we look forward to working with our athletes, sports community, and the Pacific Games Council to do the best

we can with the limited resources we have to host the 2021 Pacific Mini Games," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who earlier announced the government's withdrawal of support to the Mini Games hosting citing the need to focus the CNMI's resources to the continued recovery efforts after Super Typhoon Yutu struck the islands in October last year.

The governor then had a change of heart after meeting with the stakeholders and re-

ceiving a revised expenditure plan that would delay the release of majority of the funds for the Mini Games to 2021.

"As our islands continue to recover, we believe this event will bring our community together. Sports unifies different cultures and backgrounds around a shared sense of human achievement, and we know that the Pacific Mini Games will bring our athletes and everyone in the Pacific closer together," Torres said.

The governor also con-

gratulated the CNMI Men's Tennis Team for winning the gold medal in the XVI Pacific Games last Friday.

Meanwhile, athletics, baseball, badminton, beach volleyball, golf, and triathlon are the six sports that will be played in the 2021 Pacific Mini Games. The medal-rich swimming competition was excluded on the list due to the uncertainty surrounding the former Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, which to this day remains closed.

will also use this weekend's game against Guam to gauge the team's preparations for the AFC U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers that will take place in Cambodia in November this year.

Guam, on the other hand, hosted "Kamp Tinituhon," an inaugural induction camp for youth national players, last week to get its crew ready for this Saturday's showdown.

The CNMI-Guam duel will take place at 5:15pm at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo after the 3pm battle of the opposing teams' women's U19 squad.

Payback will be on the mind of Mita's wards after Guam stole the victory from the CNMI in last year's Marianas Cup held at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Meanwhile, the CNMI

Papua New Guinea dominated the 5K event with Poro Gahekabe (18:27.46) and Mary Tenge (19:14.50) taking the gold and silver medals, respectively.

The Solomon Islands' Dianah Matekali won the bronze after timing in at 19:31.38 in the event that had the first athletics medal at stake.



Rapinoe to continue fight for equal pay

As the World Cup-winning women's soccer team paraded along Manhattan's Canyon of Heroes last week, multiple fans held up posters calling for team co-captain Megan Rapinoe to join the presidential race.

Rapinoe hasn't been shy about sharing her opinions surrounding the current state of American politics and didn't back down when President Donald Trump took to Twitter to call her out directly, but running for a political position isn't on her to-do list these days.

In an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday morning, Rapinoe said she will continue to keep playing soccer but isn't sure she's qualified for office. Instead, she plans to fight for equal pay every day "for myself, for my team and for every single person out there. Man, woman, immigrant, U.S. citizen, person of color, whatever it may be. Equal pay, as the great Serena Williams said, until I'm in my grave."

"Let's take this moment of celebration to propel women's sports forward," Secret says in the ad. "We urge the US Soccer Federation to be a beacon of strength and end gender pay inequality once and for all."



Meanwhile, Procter & Gamble, a sponsor of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, is now supporting its members' fight for equal pay.

The company, which supports U.S. soccer through its Secret deodorant brand, says it will donate \$529,000—\$23,000 for each of the 23 players on the U.S. team that won the World Cup earlier this month—to help close the pay gap. The sponsor took out a full-page ad printed in The New York Times on Sunday urging the U.S. Soccer Federation to "be on the right side of history."

Rapinoe also addressed what she hopes her legacy will be 20 years from now in the eyes of young wom-

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The Pacific Games Council's general assembly has approved the CNMI's hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

"The CNMI is confirmed to host the 2021 Mini Games," PGC chief executive officer Andrew Minogue said yesterday.

Minogue, PGC president Vidhya Lakhan, and officials of the 22-member nations of the Pacific Games Association met last Sunday in Apia, Samoa, reaffirming its earlier decision that awarded the hosting rights of the 2021 Mini Games to

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CNMI's hosting of 2021 Mini Games confirmed



The Pacific Games Council members and officials gather for a group photo after their general assembly in Samoa last Sunday.

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Roster for Marianas Cup out



ABRAGAN



ALTAMIRANO



ANINZO



AUSTRIA



BORJA



BUCAYO



CAPAYAS



DE LEON



DEL ROSARIO



FRUIT



GALARION



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OCANADA



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ROJAS



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Twenty-three players have been selected to suit up for the CNMI Men's U19/U23 National Team that will challenge host Guam in the highly anticipated Marianas Cup 2019 this Saturday.

United Kingdom-based and goalie Chris Aninzo, many-time national team member Enrico Del Rosario and NCAA-bound Sunjoon Tenorio and Dai Podziewski are among the players who earned slots on the elite squad. Completing the crew are Joshua Abragan, Razeff Altamirano, Thaipi Austria, Taka Borja, John Bucayo, Jonathan Capa-

yas, Joshua De Leon, Anthony Fruin, Eunsyu Hahn, Sebastien Manabat, Ronnel Ocanada, Joshua Mendez, Skyler Poon, John Michael Rojas, Merrick Toves, Joshua Waldo, Mareko Tekopua, Hark Galarion, and Ryu Tanzawa, who will be coming from Japan. Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita is the head

coach and will be joined on the squad by coach Jersh Angeles, team manager Norman Del Rosario, kit manager Ryan Relucio, and physiotherapist Pamela Carhill.

Members of the Guam-bound team were named last Wednesday or a week after the group completed an eight-day training

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